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FERNIE OPTICAL PARLORS

Investigation Refused; District 18 Officers and Policy Committee Advise Rejection Of Order 124 and Any Reduction

Referendum to be Taken at Once—Central Committee of One Big Union, The B. C. Federation of Labor and The Alberta Federation Asked To Co-Operate.

To Officers and Members of all Local Unions Comprising District 18, U. M. W. of A.

Greeting:—

Order No. 124 which was issued by the Director of Coal Operations, a copy of which has heretofore been sent to you, carries with it a reduction in the daily earnings of the men formerly employed ten and eleven hours per day.

We, your Policy Committee, believe that it is not consistent with the present trend of the labor outlook to accept a reduction in wages because of a reduction in hours of labor. We believe that a reduction in the wages of the men will be a reduction in the standard of living of the men affected, and will have an ultimate effect on the membership of the district as a whole.

After taking this view of the matter we asked the Director of Coal Operations to hold an investigation into the condition of work and the rates of wages of the men affected as we had evidence to submit to him that could not possibly be submitted previous to the eight hour law going into effect in British Columbia. The Director shelved this application for an investigation by referring the dispute to the Minister of Labor, who absolutely refused to hold an investigation into the points in dispute, and insisted that the order be accepted as issued.

This, in the opinion of your Policy Committee, would be compulsory arbitration which in their opinion would be against the best interests of labor as a whole to accept.

We therefore believe that the whole issue should be put to a referendum vote of the membership to see if they are in favor of the rejection of the order as it at present stands. If the order is rejected by the membership it will of course mean a general strike, providing that the Department of Labor does not in the meantime see fit to change its position in the matter.

As we cannot at present see any financial assistance forthcoming to the district in event of a general strike, we believe that in the event of a general strike being declared all men working in and around the mines should cease work. This, of course, would include the following classes of labor: Engineers, firemen, pumpmen, fanmen and stablemen.

We are also asking the active assistance of the Federation of Labor bodies in both Alberta and British Columbia as well as the Central Committee of the O. B. U. This we believe necessary to win as quickly and as decisively as possible.

Your Policy Committee are unanimous in asking the membership to reject the order, and request that the result of ballot be wired to the district office not later than the 19th of May. We would also ask that the vote be taken immediately on receipt of the ballots from the District Ledger office.

The result of the ballot will be communicated to you and the district officers will notify every local of the date of cessation of work should the order be rejected by the membership.

We would urgently ask all locals to continue work until informed by the district officers the date of stoppage of work.

(Signed)
P. M. Christophers
A. McFegan
Ed. Browne
John Johnston
Charles Peacock
F. Wheatley
W. Potter
John Kent
Archie Benson
Members of Policy Committee

Returned Soldiers at Kimberley

In the Michel news last week there was a paragraph relating to a returned soldier having been sent to Kimberley to obtain work under the expectation, it was said, of getting $4.75 per day and finding that after being shifted from one boss to another he could only get $3.75 per day. It was stated that the returned man got the information from Mr. Claridge, of the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment Board that he could get the $4.75 and "would not have to pack any blankets around with him at that."

On investigation The District Ledger is satisfied that Mr. Claridge did not misrepresent the position. The letter given him by the company plainly stated $4.25 per day and it would have been absurd for Mr. Claridge to have given the higher figure, knowing that it would only lead to trouble. The Michel man evidently misunderstood the wage quoted and further there was also a 25c. per day reduction put on by the management at short notice from their head offices in the east.

In justice to Mr. Claridge and supported by the assurances of Secretary Martin, of Gladstone Local and Albert Gill, of Kimberley, who was a delegate to the O. B. U. convention at Calgary and a hearty supporter of the ONE BIG UNION, The District Ledger can state that Mr. Claridge made a personal visit to the camp at Kimberley to assure himself that returned men were not to be asked to do anything which savored of strike-breaking or to accept "scab wages." It is not his fault if the wages offered are below the living rate and, as far as returned soldiers are concerned, Mr. Gill (himself a veteran of the firing line) says: "Our men get as good treatment at Kimberley as at any other camp."

POLAKO SENTENCE COMMUTED

H. Ostlund, barrister, Lethbridge, who is now in Ottawa has succeeded in having the Polanko sentence commuted. Polanko was to have hanged on Wednesday next. He was found guilty for murder last November.

Soldiers Settlement Board.—The qualification committee of the S. S. B. will sit in Fernie on Tuesday next, the 13th inst. Returned soldiers wishing to take advantage of the government's land settlement policy are requested to appear before the board to obtain their certificates. Notification of the place of sitting will be placed in the Veteran's Club.

CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES USE ORDER-IN-COUNCIL LEGISLATION

The following communication to The District Ledger calls attention to other operations of "order-in-council" apart from those in labor cases:

"The King vs. Roux case was tried last December before Magistrate Howat, and on appeal before Judge Thompson, the learned Judge ordered the return of the liquor which had been wrongfully seized from the owner. Somewhat in the nature of an aftermath the Fernie collector of customs Wednesday of last week without any written authority, from on high or from below, went down to Roux's home and seized his car "in the name of the Customs." Later in the day Mr. Roux had to pay a deposit of $450.00 on a four-year-old Ford, in order to have the use of it in the meantime. But that was not all. The very next day Messrs. Lawe & Fisher issued a writ out of the Supreme Court for the Collector of Customs against Roux for $4500.00, founding the action on a claim for penalties under the Customs Act, for Roux's infraction of the order-in-council of March, 1918, for which he hal already been punished by the provincial authorities last December and fined $200.00.

"Roux is an old timer in Fernie and is, and has always been, a hard working man, and during the last eleven years has been the most reliable provider of milk and cream to the families and the children of Fernie. But it would seem that the punishment meted out to Roux last fall and which in the opinion of the court that tried the offence was sufficient apparently was and is not sufficient to satisfy the righteous craving for justice according to the Ottawa government; and the very old principle of the English common law that when a man is once punished he cannot be punished a second time for the same offence seems to be abrogated by the government. The case is, of course, sub judice, and we must be careful about dealing with the case on its merits; but from an ordinary workman's point of view, the situation looks to us like "rubbing it in" and more like persecution than prosecution. We venture the statement that public opinion in Fernie will not readily lend countenance to these proceedings, particularly when the facts spell spiteful determination to "lick the other fellow, because he once licked you." The government, we quite appreciate, needs money to help but we are not quite prepared to acknowledge the correctness of this method it seems disposed to employ in this case

"We might venture further and say that our country and ourselves are becoming terribly over-legislated and scarcely any one of us, excepting the wealthy, can even turn around without running the risk—and it is actually a real risk—of treading on the tender spots of some order-in-council or other—most of which are unnecessary, and all of which require tremendous machinery for enforcing them—entailing consequent waste to the country and consequent burdens on the shoulders of the [illegible]. If the Roux case is not a well laid political scheme, known only to the initiated then it is a damned outrage."

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ONE BIG UNION

The ONE BIG UNION continues to be the nightmare of "the other fellow." It is the product of "hairbrained agitators," has "no hope of success," and is said to be "already showing signs of failure." Nevertheless the ballots keep piling in and up, not only from District 18 but from the east and the west in such volume that it is now safe tosay that the ONE BIG UNION has passed from being an idea into being a fact. The "child" of the Western Interprovincial conference is developing into a vigorous youth and when it reaches its full stature its very shadow will send chills of fear atrickling along the spinal columns of all those who would delay its progress.

From the coast we hear splendid reports and details will soon be ready for publication. Headquarters is complaining over the fact that a number of locals are sending in packages of ballots without marking plainly on the ballot the name and address of the sender. They ask: "Be careful, please."

Up to date The District Ledger has received the following returns from various locals in District 18. Rosedale and Cardiff are to be given a place on the Honor Roll:

Fernie—553 for, 23 against.
Michel—322 for, 12 against.
Wayne—178 for, 1 against.
Bellevue—276 for, 14 against.
Hillcrest—313 for, 11 against.
Brule—259 for, 6 against.
Canmore—193 for, 5 against.
Carbondale—278 for, 5 against.
Coleman—247 for, 2 against.
Mountain Park—102 for, 2 against.
Corbin—54 for, 4 against.
Federal Mine—76 for, 1 against.
Lethbridge—213 for, 8 against.
Blairmore—254 for, 3 against.
Taber—88 for, 2 against.
Cadomin—71 for, 3 against.
Rosedale—54 for, 0 against.
Commerce—111 for, 3 against.
Pocahontas—92 for, 1 against.
Cardiff—89 for, 0 against.

V. R. Midgley, secretary of the Central Committee of the ONE BIG UNION, who has already acknowledged the receipt of several hundred dollars sent in by readers of The District Ledger now acknowledges receipt of money from the following:

Alfred Turner, Fernie; Percy Jones, Fernie; W. Wright, Carbondale; J. Rogers, Carbondale; H. Holmes, Carbondale; Steve Danluk, Carbondale.

From Michel. A. Paulson, L. McKinnon, J. Tupper, J. Davey, L. Aquino, J. Altommare, "A Supporter" and a contribution of $25.00 from Michel local union.

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Idle At Twin City

To The District Ledger:

The men at the Twin City Mine at Edmonton are out on strike against a 22 1-2 per cent. reduction which was imposed by the company on the 1st inst. The manager of the company claims that the mine cannot pay the former rate of wages owing to the fact that the mine is not at this time operating at a profit. Below is given the number of actual workers and the staff of the mine:

Employees Actually Producing
Twelve loaders.
Two machine men.
Two machine men's helpers.
Two engineers.
Two firemen.
Two drivers.
One blacksmith.
One blacksmith helper.
One lampman.
One carpenter.
One cager.
Two topmen.

Staff
General manager.
Mine manager.
Pit boss.
Fire boss.
Accountant.
Stenographer.
Bookkeeper.
Master mechanic.
Tipple boss.
Head carpenter.

After looking over the above list can any of your readers suggest to the company any way of making the little old mine pay without putting some of the bosses to work?

"CURIOUS."

Blairmore Notes

The ballots on the O. B. U. and six-hour day was taken on May 3rd. Result of ballot: 254 in favor of severing our affiliations with the International, with 3 against; 248 in favor of a general strike for the six-hour day, with six against.

The grass is putting in its appearance on the Greenhill mine trail, but workers going that way only two days a week won't affect its growth.

The Lethbridge Herald, in one of its recent issues, had the following news item: "Blairmore mine is idle, while undergoing repairs." It's as well to state here that Blairmore mine is idle two and three days a week for the same reasons that all other mines in District 18 are on half time, namely, lack of orders.

Let us agitate along with Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, for the publishing of the names of directors and shareholders, etc., of newspapers and other publications, it would be interesting to know labor's friends in newspaperdom. Take for an instance the Calgary Herald. What?

Sorry the press did not give the dimensions of that $32.00 wastepaper basket discovered at Ottawa. We could then calculate on how many resolutions it would take to fill it.

By the way, where is the man that said we could resolute and resolute, like Tennyson's brook, forever.

The Mooney general strike ballot was taken here on May 13th. This local only received 160 ballots. The proper number should have been 375. The result of the vote was 159 in favor of a general strike on July 4th, with one against. It's rumored that teh party made a mistake in marking his ballot, but tell it not in Gath.

W. F. McNeill, secretary of Western Coal Operators Association, in giving evidence before the Industrial Relations Commission at Calgary, discussing housing conditions, witness said there was no complaints from permanent camps, but only from new camps where bunk houses had to be used.

This statement is misleading. Here in Blairmore there are no empty houses and many of the workers are compelled to live in shacks, and are charged excessive rents for same. Blairmore is noted for its high rental charges as an example: There is a one-story frame building on the new town site the owners are asking the modest sum of $[illegible] per month for this building.

In a Wild Moment

Gene Stewart boasted he'd marry the first girl who came into town.

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Fernie Sporting Notes

MICHEL VS. FERNLEA

This game was played on the Michel grounds before a fair sized crowd. Fernlea won the toss and elected to play down-hill. After give and take play by both teams, in which the Fernie boys showed splendid combination, Michel managed to force the ball through after good saves being made by the Fernlea goalkeeper. This seemed to demoralize the visitors, with the result that Michel gained the upperhand and put on five more goals previous to the interval. In the second period both teams played hard, but Michel had the game well in hand, the score ending in their favor, 9—0 With a little more practice and a better understanding between the players, the Fernlea team will be heard from before the season closes and if they play as well as in the first quarter hour in the return game as on the opening game, the game should end in their favor

A KNOCKER IN OUR TOWN

The F. A. A. C. wish to thank a certain business man who stood up at a public meeting and knocked the F. A. A. C. After all every knock is a boost. But it seems hardly fair to speak in that way of the local institution when there was no representative of the club present to get up and defend its policy. The athletic club thinks it would be much better for everybody concerned if the said gentleman would hang up the hammer and get a horn. We regret to say that the space is limited this week, otherwise we would go into this matter more fully. Cheer up, there is another week coming.—A Booster for the F.A.A.C.

ATTA BOY

The opening day for the Fernie baseball league is set for Wednesday May 14th. All roads will lead to the new grounds, back of the mine rescue station, where the old timers will play a team picked from the best we have in Fernie. The boys are getting ready for a big parade and will march around the city, the parade ending at the new grounds, where the baseball league will open for one of the best seasons of ball seen in Fernie for a long time. Honorary President W. R. Wilson, will be asked to pitch the first ball, with Mayor Uphill behind the bat. This will be the one big event of the [illegible]

[illegible]

The F. A. A. C. [illegible] regular monthly dance on May 13. Invitations have already been sent out. [illegible]

The people of Fernie are wise enough to know that the dances staged by the F. A. A. C. are second to none in the Craws Nest Pass. C. Commons' four piece orchestra will supply the music. Any club member not receiving an invitation will please ring up Mr. Muir [illegible] at once.

The football game played last Sunday between the G. W. V. A. and the F. A. A. C. resulted in a win for the men from across the pond by the score 5—2. There was a strong wind blowing which made good football almost an impossibility. The F. A. A. C. [illegible] played with the wind in the first half, scoring two goals in the second half. The G. W. V. A. with the wind in their favor scored five goals and won the game. P. Mulligan scored most of the goals for the Vets. He proved himself an exceptional player and demonstrated his ability in center forward position.

WAS A GOOD DANCE

The Michel Football Club is grateful both to the people of Michel and Fernie for the splendid way in which they patronized the dance on April 25th. A good sum was netted for the funds of the club and it is the club's intention to top the league if possible.

FOOTBALL

In the City Football League every team has played the second round with the following result: G. W. V. A. won 2, lost 0, points, 4; Michel, won 2, lost 0 points 4; Coal Creek played 2 won 1, drawn 1, points 3. The game between Coal Creek and the teamsters was called before time on account of darkness and may have to be played over on account of the teamsters arriving late in Coal Creek. The Fernlea team played 2, lost 1, drawn 1, points; F. A. A. C. played 2, lost 2, points 0. Teamsters played 2, lost 2, points 0.

The F. A. A. C. game with Coal Creek has been postponed from the 14th until the 17th. On account of the 14th being the opening day of the baseball most of the F. A. A. C. boys will be playing baseball that day and the Coal Creekers have been kind enough to postpone the game. The F. A. A. C. wishes to thank the Coal Creek Football boys

REFEREES WANTED

R. Johnson, of Coal Creek, B. Smith and A. Campbell, of Fernie, have been appointed by the executive of the Fernie football league to try and get a few good men to handle the whistle for the football games. As the referee's job is not a good one it is no easy matter to find men who will take a real interest in the game. The committee would appreciate receiving the names of any wishing to act in this capacity. Please notify Secretary Campbell at the Ledger office. The Fernie city league is asking nobody to do something for nothing. Referees are paid $2.00 a game and travelling expenses. Get the spirit and be a referee!

THE LADIES—GOD BLESS 'EM

A lady called up the Pep editor this [illegible] game that was played last night between the Coal Creek footballists and the Fernlea Club. The ladies are taking a fine interest in the game.

The Fernie City Baseball Club invites Coal Creek, Michel and the G. W. V. A. to enter a team in the Fernie City Baseball League. As the baseball boys are expecting a very good season these three clubs should get busy. The grounds the boys are fixing [illegible] will be second to none in the Cro w'sNest Pass.

Parents Meeting At Isis Theatre

A meeting will be held in the Isis Theatre at 8 o'clock on Monday, May 12, which all parents of School Children are urged to attend, when a subject of extreme importance will be discussed.

Only parents of school children will be admitted.

SECRETARY SCHOOL BOARD.

The District Ledger

DAVE REES' RELATION TO RANK AND FILE OF DISTRICT 18

Last week we published a very interesting letter from Dave Rees, international organizer of the United Mine Workers of America. The fact that Mr. Rees has been very active in the labor movement ever since he came from Wales to Canada a dozen years or so ago, and that during that time he has held prominent positions and one one occasion was sent as a labor representative across the Atlantic, adds to the importance and interest of Mr. Rees' letter. At the present time he is a vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Mr. Rees having attained a greater degree of prominence and publicity than any other miner in District 18 it must be expected that he will receive more praise on one hand and more criticism on the other than if he were but an ordinary member of the rank and file. In the labor movement criticism is to be looked for and often times it comes in language which is a bit ragged and raw on the edges. Mr. Rees is just a trifle too sensitive to criticism and is apt to see inuendos where inuendos do not exist. That will be seen by reading his letter. The District Ledger has not expressed any thought of baseness in Mr. Rees' actions. We have no reason to express any. If we thought he was crooked we would say so with an emphasis he would not be able to mistake.

The District Ledger has a few hundred readers among the miners in Nova Scotia and we want all of them to go and hear Mr. Rees when the occasion offers. We ask them, however, to remember this, that although Mr. Rees has been for years a member of the miners' local in Fernie the views he expresses are contrary to the views of ninety-six per cent. of the membership of the local. They must also remember that although Mr. Rees polled 2095 votes when he ran for president *of this district* in January last it is doubtful if he would poll more than two hundred votes in the entire district today. If the Nova Scotia miners will ask Mr. Rees if this is not so he will be honest enough to tell them that it is.

Now what is the reason for this change? There must be some reason. It is this: The membership of District 18 are heartily sick and tired of the International machine at Indianapolis, while Mr. Rees believes they should hold to that machine and endeavor to get it to couple its forces with other international machines in what he calls "United Big Organizations." It is merely a matter of opinion and Mr. Rees' opinion is different from that of the vast majority of the coal miners of Alberta and South Eastern British Columbia, we are certain, and we are told it is also vastly different from the opinion of the majority of the miners on the coast with whom he has been working for over a year past.

Now in making these statements we are sure that Mr. Rees will not see in them any inuendos. He is standing alone practically as far as District 18 is concerned. From what we know of Dave Rees we are sure he would not associate with the few who are voting against the ONE BIG UNION—men who toady to bosses and who are ever ready to betray their fellows. He knows that all the tried and true union men of the district are in favor of withdrawing from the International and joining the ONE BIG UNION and knowing that he will impress upon the miners of Nova Scotia in anything he says in regard to the ONE BIG UNION that he is speaking in his capacity as organizer for the international and not as a working miner from the Crow's Nest Pass.

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PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHERS AND THE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

Last week we published from the Calgary Herald a story in which President Christophers was quoted as saying some very harsh things about the typos. We had our typewriter limbered up to get into action against *our president* but only had a few lines rolled off when along came a reply from Andy Davison which we have clipped from The Calgary Herald and publish this week. We thought that letter of Andy's was enough to hold "Chris" for one week so we deferred our broadside.

President Christophers is alleged to have said that when it "came to talk unionism" the typos "had as a body as much intelligence as could be screwed into the leg of a mosquito." As a figure of speech that certainly was a corker.

In the miners' organization in District 18 it is not lese majeste to "roast" the president. We shudder to think what might befall the printers who would attack the sacred heads of their organization.

There is a whole lot more intelligence in the typos organizations than can possibly be injected into the cavity alloted to it by President Christophers but the nature of Andy's attack on the One Big Union because of "Chris'" words would not seem to indicate that his (Andy's) contribution to the filling of the cavity would be of great volume. There are many printers, members of the typos' union, who are heartily in favor of solidifying the ranks of labor as a class rather than spending all their energy on a craft and neither President Christophers' comments or Mr. Davison's ardent [illegible] proposition" known as the One Big Union, will deter them from doing what they can towards making all workers realize their class position in society and that an injury to one is the concern of all.

In the printing trade most of us can wear white collars even [illegible] times when the Chink laundryman extracts our last dime and with the wearing of such collars we become infected with the same ideas that fill the minds of bank clerks, shop clerks, school teachers and many other workers that we are several degree in advance of the intelligence possessed by those workers who swing a pick or wield a shovel. It is true that a printer's "*life average*" is even below that of coal miners with all the dangers of underground work but members of the typos' union always have the satisfaction of knowing that if they contract the dreaded tubercular diseases they can go to Pike's Peak and enter the home which deserves all the praise Mr. Davison has bestowed upon it.

Of course the wives and the kiddies of the enfeebled printers have to be left outside the home, dependent, if they are not able to work for themselves, upon the local union and the charitable public.

There is also the satisfaction of knowing that if they die and their assessments have been kept paid up they can have a much neater-looking funeral than is supposed to be necessary for a coal digger.

At times some of our printers become peeved over the fact that the coal miners can often make forty, fifty *and even sixty dollars* a week, while with the printers' intelligence and more perfect organization they think they are "going some" when they get their weekly scale above thirty bones a week. And, in fact, there are scores of unions in connection with the typos' international where the scale has lingered and still lingers around the twenty-dollar mark.

Had it not been for the eye trouble and the weakened chests of many of our printers occasioned by the nature of their employment there would have been an even larger percentage of the membership in service overseas. The typos have reason to boast of the large number they did send. There was a fly in the ointment, however, when Canada entered the war and Canadian printers asked the international to keep up their per capita tax while they were on active service. The international (on the executive of which Canadians have not been able to get representation) would not grant such a favor. When Uncle Sam finally got into the fight the policy was changed.

There is another feature towards which Andy directs Chris' attention and that is the old age pension that comes to the printers. There was a time when the country was filled with old men who had "set type" since boyhood days and who had been replaced by the swiftness of the linos. These old men were lean and hungry looking and their apparel threadbare. A merciful Providence has carried off those estimable old timers to the happy hereafter to which every printer is surely entitled. Other printers are growing old now but they have little fear for the future for they either have stocked up heavily on Victory Bonds or are so secure with the International that they know their last days will be free from the worries that will come to the improvident miners.

There is much more that we might say in rebuke of President Christophers' attack but for once we will be merciful.

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CAN WE EXPECT ANYTHING FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

(By Taps)

Another commission has come and after going through a farce of investigating the labor conditions they have drifted east, and now we are wondering what will come out of their investigation.

Nothing, simply camouflage, is the general concensus of opinion regarding the latest "Royal Commission" fathered by Tom Moore and Co. of Ottawa. Knowing as they do that the present unrest in the labor world is bound sooner or later to break through the crust by which it is at present covered, they seem to believe that these commissions will do something toward smoothing things over for a while. Did men ever commit themselves to a greater blunder? did any responsible body ever try harder to bury the real issue?

No one among us will believe that men with the experience of Senator Robertson, Tom Moore, or any of their colleagues are in any way ignorant of the real causes of the existing unrest, and none is so foolish as to think that they do not know the cure.

It will be conceded by those who have at all studied the question that the man who invests his life and labor in the industrial field invests far more than the man who simply invests his so-called capital; that being so, who should exercise the greatest amount of control? We would naturally say the man or men who have made the greatest investment, and that being granted, the persons who have invested their lives and labor, should, from a purely business standpoint control the industry which has been built up by their labor, and in lots of cases, paid for by the sacrifice of their lives.

But there is little hope from the present "Royal Commission on Industrial Relations" that the worker will be given even a voice in the control of the industries in which he is employed or in which he has invested his labor, and daily plays a game of chance with his life.

There is every reason to believe that the shop steward system—which the British Government, and old line labor leaders of Great Britain did their best to suppress, *will come into being* in this country at no distant date, and if this is so, and the same offices are taken by them here as in some places in Great Britain, then one thing will pass into the hands of the workers, that is the hiring and discharging of the workmen. Again under the Sankey award the workers are given a measure of control in the actual conduct of the industries. If these things are recommended, and brought about through the efforts of the commission, it will put us on our way toward the eventual control of the industrial situation and production for use instead of for profit.

We ask ourselves again, do we expect the present commission to recommend to the Department of Labor, that the workers be given a voice in *the management, or partial control* over the industries which they are engaged, and should this step be recommended, do we think the department would act on the recommendation? After thinking the matter over and judging the future by the past our answer is NIX.

TAPS.

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MICHEL NOTES

Our old time friend and returned [illegible] formerly game warden of the Elk Valley district, is again among us, although not looking near as good as when he left for overseas. We understand he will take up the position of constable at Michel. Welcome home, Jack.

The new refreshment parlor on the Elk river, which is under the able management of our old friend Yorky is now open for business. All tourists and sports visiting the Elk valley will be well received at what is known as "The Only Hope."

Quite a little excitement was raised by the wipers not receiving their 21c. per day raise, as arranged between the manager, W. R. Wilson, Secretary Beard, and Secretary Martin some week or so again at Fernie. Why, we are not yet in a position to know, but we trust there will be an explanation forthcoming soon.

Heartrending Conditions In Homes of Scottish Miners

(Concluded from last week)

The Reduced Working Days

There is a great scarcity of coal, and a necessity to keep up production to the highest point in order that by exporting coal we can get food and raw material back. Will you tell me whether before the Lanarkshire County Union decided three weeks ago to reduce the working days from eleven in a fortnight to five per week you gave consideration to the community?—I think some of the colliery managements contend that as much coal could be got in the five days as in the six.

Mr. Forgie—Will you take it from me that that is not so, and that there was a large additional output from working eleven days a fortnight.

Witness—If a man works underground for five days a week he has done his duty to the State.

Do you think they had full regard to the national need?—If there is a shortage of coal you might as well say the Lanarkshire miner should work seven days to make up the shortage.

Don't you think in a time of exceptional need it is an unpatriotic thing to do?—I say the Lanarkshire miner is not unpatriotic.

Mr. Forgie—I agree he is not unpatriotic.

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The Witness—People who complain about not getting coal and the miner not working more should get their own coal. The men are not unpatriotic. They gave 14,000 at a "bob" a day to fight the Germans.

Mr. Forgie—I do not see why, more than any other miner in the country, the Lanarkshire miner should work five days a week?—I don't see why he should do more.

Sunday Working

Mr. Smillie—Have not the miners of Lanarkshire complained to the coal-masters on several occasions in the last two years about some pits working on Sunday?—Yes, I have heard the coal going over the screens when the church bells were going.

When the employer was at church, the coal miner was getting coal?—He may have been at church. (Laughter).

Answering other questions of Mr. Smillie, the witness said that the Hamilton people had for some time been trying to get some pleasure land adjacent belonging to the Duke of Hamilton in order to build houses in a favourable situation. The Duke would not give the land under £500 per acre. "I live in one of twelve houses," added witness. "They were build thirteen years ago. Some are practically uninhabitable now because of the coal being taken underground."

Mr. Smillie—Under the lease, when a town or individual takes a piece of land off the Duke of Hamilton and pays him an annual rent, he claims the right to take the coal out and pull the house down without any compensation?—Yes.

You consider that intolerable?—It is very bad.

You think people are going to allow that?—I hope not.

Mr. Smillie corrected a statement he made on Friday when he said that the children's death-rate in Rhondda was 20 per cent. The Clerk to the Rural Council had written him saying that it was 11 or 12 per cent. He was glad to make the correction.

Conditions in Craigneuk

Sir Leo Chiozza Money asked whether, in the Craigneuk district there was not enough profit made before the war from the collieries to provide better houses.

The witness replied in the affirmative, and added that some of the houses in that district had been sold three or four times over in the course of a series of years. He did not know what the dividends of the United Collieries had been, and he did not know whether another colliery in the locality had paid 8 per cent. for a number of years. He should not be surprised if James Nimmo & Co. paid between 1898 and 1910 an average of 7 per cent.

Do you think that was enough to have provided houses suitable for miners to live in?—Yes, and I think it is one of the best investments that an employer can make. If they wanted to get the best out of the man they should give him a decent standard of living, the same as they give a horse.

Housing of Munition Workers

Are you aware that all over the country there are many colliery companies which yield this high rate of dividend, and yet there is no system by which those profits can be devoted to the social conditions of the miner? And do you not think that nationalization should be adopted on the ground, amongst other things, that profits should be so devoted?—Yes; and I know that at Gretna and other places where national work was carried on proper provision was made for the living of the workers.

Then in connection with national work during the war, in spite of the great hurry in which these things had to be done, and in spite of the scarcity of raw material, proper provision was made for the employees. Was that the universal rule?—Yes, I suppose so. I know of two districts in which that was done where munitions were being made.

It was suggested by Mr. Forgie that the miners of Lanarkshire were unpatriotic because they would not work more than five days a week?—Yes, it was.

Do you not think that the average middle-class person is very lucky to have a body of men who devote their lives to working five days a week in a coal mine for him?—Yes; and if he complains about another man's hours of working he should dig his own coal.

Mr. Sidney Webb—It has been suggested that in part the bad housing of the mining districts is accounted for by the fact that the mines are short lived. Do you think that is any excuse for improper housing?

The Witness—I do not think it is any excuse, and I do not think it is true. If you take *many of the districts* of Lanarkshire you will find that houses condemned in 1842 are still occupied and there have been in them two or three different sets of inhabitants.

"Herded Together Like Cattle"

We can understand the reluctance of the owners to put up expensive houses, but I do ask how do you suggest, under the circumstances, that the people ought to live?—If coal has got to be extracted for the benefit of the State, or the coalowner wants to get it for the benefit of himself, there should be proper houses for the coal-getters, who should not be herded together like cattle.

And when the State does things for itself, as during the war, your experience is that the houses put up for the workers were not inferior to what they ought to be? They were very much in advance of the accommodation of anything I know of.

Do you agree with the suggestion that the worker must live under inferior conditions because the industry in which he is employed is short-lived?—I do not think so.

What you claim is that the miners are entitled to have just as good houses to live in even if a mine is a short-lived mine—es.

Surface Workers' Terms

Mr. Robert Shirkie, secretary of the National Federation of Colliery Enginemen and Boilermen, with a membership of 45,000 to 50,000 presented a statement on behalf of that class of worker. He said his Federation did not agree that the fact that in some districts of the country there were richer coalfields than in others should prevent workers from being paid a uniform minimum wage. He asked for the following minimum: For winding enginemen, 10s. per shift; other grades of enginemen, 9s. per shift; charge boilermen, 6s. 6d. per shift; boilermen, 8s per shift. He also asked for a six-hour shift instead of an eight-hour shift, and that all continuous shift enginemen, boilermen, and boiler firemen should have at least seven clear days' holiday in each year, with full payment for same.

In reply to Mr. Evan Williams, witness said that if 30 per cent. was added to the miners' wages, the workers he represented would also want 30 per cent.

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Returned Soldier's Balance

Does the Soldier Get a Square Deal or a Raw Deal, or Does He Hold Any Cards at All?

So many suggestions have been made as to what to do with the soldier in compensation for his services Overseas that an attempt is made in this article to show, by submitting the statements of the accounts of Private John Trencher, Private the Hon. Edwin Barb-Wire, and General Stayback, that there may be no difference of opinion.

Here followeth the document of Private Trencher, which is about as authentic as any of the other news that leaks through the censorship:

Statement of the Account of Pte. J. Trencher

No. 234562, with the Government of Canada

Debit

To 730 days' work at $9 per day	$ 6,570.00
To surrendering personal liberty for two years	10,000.00
To submitting to insults from ill-bred sergeants for two years	109.20
To submitting to insults from ditto corporals	54.50
To estimated profits on business neglected owing to presence in Army two years	13,470.74
To loss of female companion to whom engaged, but who married slacker on hearing unconfirmed rumour of death	20.00
To subjection to intense and continual fear in trenches, nine hundred hours at $200 per hour, union scale	180,000.00
To general hardship 26 fine days at $2.00 per day	52.00
To ditto wet weather at $69 per day, 694 days	47,886.00
To loss of dignity	.50
To loss of teeth owing to hardtack (cost price)	23.75
To suffering on sea voyages (not included in "loss of dignity" item)	150.00
Ta amatorial entanglement with English barmaid (would not have met same had it not been for war)	1,325.40
To loss of contents of pockets when taken to hospital (one shell-nose, one lead pencil, one jack-knife, one pewter spoon, sixpence in money, one wrist watch with hands off one-half plug [illegible] souvenir ring, one flask (empty) carried in case of emergency, one scare-louse (an invention of my own, consisting of a large model of the real thing; trade mark—"It scares 'em stiff, and they can't tickle"; patent applied for); one pay-book (no credit shown); and one head comb with three teeth	.37
Total	$259,663.06

Credit

By army pay, 730 days at $1.10 per day	$ 804.00
By post-war gratuity	350.09
By uniform	7.30
By food, excluding rum	84.01
By rum, seventy-six issues	280.00
By satisfaction derived through telling Sergeant-Major to go to Hell, while said S.-M. was wounded and unable to report insolence	250.00
By privilege of killing Germans, sixteen at fifty cents each	8.00
By honor, glory, etc.	1,000.00
By satisfaction derived from putting dead mouse in keg of beer secreted by military police	5.00
By satisfaction derived from receiving discharge	2,000.00
Balance still owing soldier	251,774.72
Total	$259,663.06

(This account of Private the Hon. Edwin Barb-Wire will appear in a succeeding issue.)—"Turner's Weekly."

Review of Grand Theatre Programme For Coming Week

Vivian Martin, a very popular Paramount star, will be seen at the Grand Theatre on Monday and Tuesday in her latest Paramount picture, "The Fair Barbarian," arranged for the screen by Edith Kennedy from Frances Hodgson Burnett's story of the same name. Robert T. Thornby, who has directed nearly all of Miss Martin's recent productions is also responsible for the direction of "The Fair Barbarian," which is said to contain some excellent photographic effects. Miss Martin will wear some of the most stunning gowns of her career. She is supported by an excellent cast including Helen Eddy, Jane Wolff, Charles Gerrard, Douglas McLean and others.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ONLY

The Fernie Amateur Dramatic Society will present the screamingly funny comedy, "Facing the Music." There are three acts and the curtain rises at half past eight o'clock. The seat sale is at Suddaby's and there is every reason to believe that every seat in the house will be taken. It is understood to be the intention of the Society to quite frequently favor *Fernie audiences with dramatic* performances and those who are familiar with the talent of those taking part give assurance that "Facing the Music" is a treat which should not be missed.

VIVID FIRE SCENE IN "THE HIRED MAN," AT THE GRAND THEATRE THURSDAY ONLY

Seldom in the history of motion picture photography has so startlingly vivid a reproduction of a fire scene occurred as in "The Hired Man," which is Charles Ray's latset Paramount picture, produced under the supervision of Thomas H. Ince and directed by Victor L. Schertinger. No pains were spared and an entire house was burned to the ground, leaving nothing but the remains of a chimney. Charles Ray, as a farm hand, performs deeds of real heroism, having been actually quite severely burned during the filming of these scenes. The rest of the cast, including Doris Lee, Gilbert Gordon, Charles French and Lydia Knott, have contributed their fulll share to the enjoyment of the production, which is one of the most appealingly "human" of the recent pictures.

FAMOUS STORY "M'LISS" MARY PICKFORD'S NEW WESTERN PHOTOPLAY

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The new Pickford vehicle, picturized by Frances Marion and directed by Marshall Neilan, has just been released by Artcraft Pictures. It contains all the elements of the western thriller, including the ineffable charm which "Our Mary" brings to the screen, unusually splendid support and high artistic directing.

"M'liss" is a delightful feature play, which will be no *less successful in its* appeal to the public as have been all of Miss Pickford's recent picture successes. This photoplay will be seen at the Grand Theatre next Friday and Saturday and it is needless to say, Manager Eccles will do a rushing business.

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SYNOPSIS OF

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Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of $10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

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The RETURN of TARZAN

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"Dead!" he repeated, and then he laughed. "You are not, Jane, and if you will return to the city of Opar and ask them who dwell there they will tell you that I was not dead a few short hours ago. No, dear; we are both very much alive."

"But both Hazel and M. Thuran told me that you had fallen into the ocean a hundred miles from land," she urged as though trying to convince him that he must indeed be dead. "They said that there was no question but that it must have been you and less that you could have survived or been picked up."

"How can I convince you that I am no spirit?" he asked, with a laugh. "It was I whom the delightful M. Thuran pushed overboard, but I did not drown—I will tell you all about it after awhile—and here I am very much the same wild man you first knew, Jane Porter."

The girl rose slowly to her feet and came toward him.

"I cannot even yet believe it," she murmured. "It cannot be that such happiness can be true after all the hideous things that I have passed through these awful months since the Lady Alice went down."

She came close to him and laid a hand, soft and trembling, upon his arm.

"It must be that I am dreaming, and that I shall awaken in a moment to see that awful knife descending toward my heart. Kiss me, dear, just once before I lose my dream forever."

Tarzan of the Apes needed no second invitation. He took the girl he loved in his strong arms and kissed her not

He Took the Girl He Loved In His Strong Arms and Kissed Her.

once, but a hundred times, until she lay there panting for breath. Yet when he stopped she put her arms about his neck and drew his lips down to hers once more.

"Am I alive and a reality, or am I but a dream?" he asked.

"If you are not alive, my man," she answered, "I pray that I may die thus before I awaken to the terrible realities of my last waking moments."

For awhile both were silent, gazing into each others' eyes as though each still questioned the reality of the wonderful happiness that had come to them. The past, with all its hideous disappointments and horrors, was forgotten, the future did not belong to them, but the present—ah, that was theirs. None could take that from them. It was the girl who first broke the sweet silence.

"Where are we going, dear?" she asked. "What are we going to do?"

"Where would you like best to go?" he asked. "What would you like best to do?"

"To go where you go, my man; to do whatever seems best to you," she answered.

"But Clayton?" he asked. For a moment he had forgotten that there existed upon the earth other than they two. "We have forgotten your husband."

"I am not married, Tarzan of the Apes!" she cried. "Nor am I longer promised in marriage. The day before those awful creatures captured me I spoke to Mr. Clayton of my love for you, and he understood then that I could not keep the wicked promise that I had made. It was after we had been miraculously saved from an attacking lion." She paused suddenly and looked up at him, a questioning light in her eyes. "Tarzan of the Apes," she cried, "it was you who did that thing! It could have been no other."

He dropped his eyes, for he was ashamed.

"How could you have gone away and left me?" she cried reproachfully.

"Don't, Jane!" he pleaded. "Please don't! You cannot know how I have suffered since for the cruelty of that act or how I suffered then, first in jealous rage and then in bitter resentment against the fate that I had not deserved. I went back to the apes after that, Jane, intending never again to see a human being."

He told her then of his life since he had returned to the jungle—of how he had dropped like a plummet from a civilized Parisian to a savage Waziri warrior and from there back to the brute that he had been raised. She asked him many questions, and he narrated every detail of his civilized life to her, omitting nothing, for he felt no shame since his heart always had been true to her. When he had finished he sat looking at her as though waiting for her judgment and his sentence.

"I knew that he was not speaking the truth," she said. "Oh, what a horrible creature he is!"

"You are not angry with me, then?" he asked.

And her reply, though apparently most irrelevant, was truly feminine.

"Is Olga de Coude very beautiful?" she asked.

And Tarzan laughed and kissed her again. "Not one-tenth so beautiful as you, dear," he said.

She gave a contented little sigh and let her head rest against his shoulder. He knew that he was forgiven.

CHAPTER XXIX.

The Passing of the Ape-Man.

THAT night Tarzan built a snug little bower high among the swaying branches of a giant tree, and there the tired girl slept, while in a crotch beneath her the ape-man curled, ready, even in sleep, to protect her.

It took them many days to make the long journey to the coast. Where the way was easy they walked hand in hand beneath the arching bows of the mighty forest, as might in a far gone past have walked their primeval forbears. Where the underbrush was tangled he took her in his great arms and bore her lightly through the trees, and the days were all too short, for they were very happy. Had it not been for their anxiety to reach and succor Clayton they would have drawn out the sweet pleasure of that wonderful journey indefinitely.

On the last day before they reached the coast Tarzan caught the scent of men ahead of them—the scent of black men. He told the girl and cautioned her to maintain silence. "There are few friends in the jungle," he remarked dryly.

In half an hour they came stealthily upon a small party of black warriors filing toward the west. As Tarzan saw them he gave a cry of delight. It was a band of his own Waziri. Busuli was there and others who had accompanied him to Opar. At sight of him they danced and cried out in exuberant joy. For weeks they had been searching for him, they told him.

The blacks exhibited considerable wonderment at the presence of the white girl with him, and when they found that she was to be his woman they vied with one another to do her honor. With the happy Waziri laughing and dancing about them, they came to the rude shelter by the shore.

There was no sign of life and no response to their calls. Tarzan clambered quickly to the interior of the little tree hut, only to emerge a moment later with an empty tin. Throwing it down to Busuli, he told him to fetch water and then he beckoned Jane Porter to come up.

Together they leaned over the emaciated thing that once had been an English nobleman. Tears came to the girl's eyes as she saw the poor, sunken cheeks and hollow eyes and the lines of suffering upon the once young and handsome face.

"He still lives," said Tarzan. "We will do all that can be done for him, but I fear that we are too late."

When Busuli had brought the water Tarzan forced a few drops between the cracked and swollen lips. He wetted the hot forehead and bathed the pitiful limbs.

Presently Clayton opened his eyes. A faint, shadowy smile lighted his countenance as he saw the girl leaning over him. At sight of Tarzan the expression changed to one of wonderment.

"It's all right, old fellow," said the ape-man. "We've found you in time. Everything will be all right now, and we'll have you on your feet again before you know it."

The Englishman shook his head weakly. "It's too late," he whispered. "But it's just as well. I'd rather die."

"Where is M. Thuran?" asked the girl.

"He left me after the fever got bad. He is a devil. When I begged for the water that I was too weak to get he drank before me, threw the rest out and laughed in my face." At the thought of it the man was suddenly animated by a spark of vitality. He raised himself upon one elbow. "Yes," he almost shouted; "I will live! I will live long enough to find and kill that beast!" But the brief effort left him weaker than before, and he sank back again upon the rotting grasses that, with his old ulster, had been the bed of Jane Porter.

"Don't worry about Thuran," said Tarzan of the Apes, laying a reassuring hand on Clayton's forehead. "He belongs to me, and I shall get him in the end, never fear."

For a long time Clayton lay very still. Several times Tarzan had to put his ear quite close to the sunken chest to catch the faint beating of the worn-out heart. Toward evening he aroused again for a brief moment.

"Jane," he whispered. The girl bent her head closer to catch the faint message. "I have wronged you—and him," he nodded weakly toward the ape-man. "I loved you so. It is a poor excuse to offer for injuring you, but I could not bear to think of giving you up. I do not ask your forgiveness. I only want to do now the thing I should have done over a year ago." He fumbled in the pocket of the ulster beneath him for something that he had discovered there while he lay between the paroxysms of fever. Presently he found it—a crumpled bit of yellow paper. He handed it to the girl, and as she took it his arm fell limply across his chest, his head dropped back, and with a little gasp he stiffened and was still. Then Tarzan of the Apes drew a fold of the ulster across the upturned face.

As they rose and stood on either side of the now peaceful form tears came to the ape-man's eyes, for through the anguish that his own heart had suffered he had learned compassion for the suffering of others.

Through her tears the girl read the message upon the bit of faded yellow paper, and as she read her eyes went very wide. Twice she read those startling words before she could fully comprehend their meaning.

"I. C. Tarzan, Baltimore, 354:

Finger prints prove you Greystoke. Congratulations. D'ARNOT."

(To be continued)

Pres. Christophers And Calgary Typos

Printers Do Not Want The One Big Union—Have Money Enough Now

As promised last week we are herewith giving the attack made upon President Christophers of District 18 by Andy Davison, of the Calgary Typographical Union appropos of certain remarks alleged to have been made to a Calgary Herald reporter by "Chris."

Editor The Herald:

In the news columns of your issue of April 28 there was printed an article headed "Typos Flayed by President of Miners' Union," in which appears certain statements, made by one P. M. Christophers, derogatory to Calgary Typographical Union, which I think requires a reply. It is quite true that 142 members of the printers' organization voted against the One Big Union proposal and in doing so the typos have nothing to be ashamed of. Instead, in my opinion, they have exhibited a brand of intelligence that no one ever accused "Comrade" Christophers of possessing.

For the information of the president of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America, I herewith submit the following facts regarding the International Typographical Union. Realizing that the job of keeping his polyglot aggregation in hand must take up considerable of his valuable time, I trust that he will find sufficient leisure to at least endeavor to let a small portion of this information soak into his highly developed cranium, even if it comes from a member of an organization the sum total of whose intelligence, he claims "could be screwed into the leg of a mosquito."

In the first place, I must confess that the International Typographical Union cannot boast of the same number of unsuccessfully conducted strikes as the union of which Christophers is one of the leaders. Furthermore, we are a solvent institution. It is our proud claim that we are one of the richest branches of the labor movement. Our funds are handled judiciously and in a businesslike manner. We do not boast of a dozen or so vice-presidents, district representatives and goodness only knows what other kind of representatives, who pull down real money on a featherbed job. No doubt this is an exhibition of crass ignorance on our part when judged by Christophers' standard and places us in a position of being aristocrats because we possess some real coin in our treasury. Our union has an old age pension scheme, whereby those of our members who are no longer able to follow the "art preservative of arts" are not thrown out on the streets but have a weekly income for the rest of their lives, which they built up by paying a nominal sum each month. This, no doubt, is another exhibition of our "mosquito-like" intelligence. And still more. We have a system of mortuary benefits whereby the dependents of those of our members who have finished their labors on this earth are paid a certain sum dependent entirely upon the length of time the deceased printer belonged to the craft. Once again it must be confessed that this is something of which we are proud of and something which has helped more than one sorrowing widow, mother or daughter over the rough spots. And to cap it all, we boast of another feature that the O. B. U. will never likely possess, that is a home for our aged and infirm members, located within the shadows of Pike's Peak, in Colorado. Owing to the nature of our calling many of our members have contracted the terrible white plague. Were we so busy trying to bolster up uncalled for strikes that we hadn't time to look after these members, but instead let them shift for themselves when the hand of this terrible scourge had fallen upon them? Not on your life. We had amongst our number men who might always line up to that grade of intelligence the president of District 18 kids himself he possesses. They secured a large tract of land at Colorado Springs some years ago. Today we have a home there second to none on the North American continent. Over $1,000,000 has been unselfishly contributed and spent by our membership in making this an institution to be proud of. Tuberculosis is being combatted and in hundreds of cases, cured by experts, whose opinions and discoveries are quoted by the leading medical journals throughout the English-speaking world. Any printer sent to that institution is permitted to remain there until he is completely cured.

And during his stay not one cent of expense is incurred by him. Even his union dues are paid. Can Mr. Christophers, and the super-intelligent organization of which he is president boast of such an institution? Just let him give us a little information on that phase of his union's endeavor to better the conditions of their terribly down-trodden membership. If Mr. Christophers would like figures I can kindly furnish him with a complete statement of the monies our organization has expended in the features above mentioned. Of course I must warn him that since 1894 the amount paid out by the I. T. U. in strike benefits has been remarkably small, and when compared with the sums paid by his own organization, or rather what should have been paid, certainly make us look like the humble mosquito.

Now in view of the benefits accruing to western Canadian printers who stay with their International body, would this near-Solomon of the labor movement kindly tell me what the One Big Union has to offer the printers? He is a believer in collective bargaining, I presume. Now the Calgary printers as a body are prepared to join any organization that is going to improve their condition, but they are like the man from Missouri, they have got to be shown. Can the One Big Union guarantee them an old age pension scheme similar to the one they now enjoy? Will they be able to put in force a system of mortuary benefits the equal of those of the I. T. U.? Can they guarantee that a home will be established at least almost efficient and as well conducted as our splendid one? Can he also assure us that our union cards will be worth as much as those we now possess? If he can there is a possibility that western Canadian printers might talk business with him. But the rub is, he has nothing but a beautiful phantom-like proposition to submit for our approval, nicely camouflaged by excerpts from the doctrines of some German or Austrian laborite. The printers of Calgary have too much to lose to try any such experiment. It may be all right for some irresponsible organization that has never made a success of any venture to grasp at something new even if it is a gamble, whether or not it is a good thing. But to an institution that has everything to lose and nothing to gain it is a different proposition. The splendid positon of the I. T. U. today has been secured by the concerted action of the membership, without assistance from any other organization. We are strong enough to stand on our own feet. No aggregation of professional labor agitators are going to stampede us. We will be doing business at the same old stand when they and their "One Big Lemon" have been consigned to the labor boneyard, leading a bunch of sadder but wiser experimentalists.

There are many other points I could touch on, Mr. Editor, but lack of space forbids. I might remark, however, that Calgary Typographical Union is 100 per cent. British and that English is the mother tongue of every one of our members. This again may account for our terrible lack of ordinary intelligence but we are proud of it just the same. I could also fill much space narrating our splendid war record. But what is the use. It would only show that we were the willing tools of scheming capitalists and again demonstrate just how ignorant and simple we are—maybe.

I think the jewel of the whole tirade of Christophers' is the statement that "these jokers go ahead printing all sorts of rubbish hitting unionism and have not the courage of a goose to say they won't do it." Good Knight! Another example of free speech idea of the sponsors of the O. B. U. Applaud any one who believes as you do, but howl down the unfortunate individual who is opposed to you. This was amply demonstrated at the now famous meeting in Paget hall. I presume that the union engineer on the C. P. R. who drives a train on which some noted opponent of union labor is riding instead of refusing to go on the job, is also one of those unfortunate individuals who hasn't the courage of a goose. If this is the only argument that this Moses of the labor movement can bring against the Calgary printers, why he is awful short of ammunition and is condemned by the exuberance of his own verbosity.

In conclusion I would remark that there is an institution at Ponoka which is filled with people who demonstrated the same sort of intelligence as those who are now "flaying" the printers because the latter refused to be led by the nose by an aggregation of professional agitators, whose outstanding characteristics are incompetency and consummate gall. So Mr. Christophers had better beware!

Yours truly,

Andy Davison,

Member of Calgary Typographical Union, No. 449.

Calgary, April 29, 1919.

REPLY FROM PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHERS

The following reply from President Christophers appears in the Calgary Albertan:

Editor, Albertan:

The issue of the 1st inst., of the Calgary Herald contains a communication signed by one Andy Davison, who is apparently a member of the typographical union No. 449, in which I am severely scored for what was contained in a news article, which appeared in the columns of that highly esteemed journal some time since.

I may say that when the article appeared in the news columns it was so misrepresentative of what was actually said, that I did not deem it worthy of a reply. I thought that such an article in the news columns of a newspaper would be beneath the notice of such an—intelligent—body as the Typos. In this, however, it seems I am somewhat mistaken.

What Comrade Davison has seen fit to say about me personally may, I believe, be passed over at this time. It will, no doubt, be very highly appreciated by our capitalistic friends, and they should esteem it an honor to be defended by such an able pen as that wielded by Comrade Davison.

As far as the vote of the typographical union on the O. B. U. is concerned, I grant every other body the same rights as I claim for the organization to which I belong, namely to vote as they may see fit in the premises, always crediting them with honesty of purpose. In so doing, I have never yet criticised any person for voting as they may deem best, but I believe the same rights should be extended to those who vote in favor of the O. B. U. and they should be credited with the same honesty of purpose in so doing, and this up-to-date has not been done, the friends of the craft unions and this includes the employers of labor and the capitalistic newspapers—have imputed every dishonest motive to the men who are working to bring about a form of industrial unionism.

Most of the information contained in the article written by Comrade Davison tells us of the old folks home, and the death benefits, to which they are entitled.

Well the old folks are sent down to view Pike's Peak, and I believe the sufferers from tuberculosis are also sent down there, and it will no doubt do them lots of good to view Pike's Peak, and while looking upward to the summit of the peak they might get a—near view—of the glory land, in which they will be entitled to homestead by virtue of belonging to such an—intellectual body—here below.

Do you not believe, Comrade Davison, that your talent might be better spent in so improving the working [illegible] conditions that the worker would not need to rely on the savings from his already small pittance, to take a trip to Pike's Peak when he is old or sick, and so with sick or with death benefits, we believe that after a person has given their services to the state, or the community they are entitled to spend their old age, or days of sickness or affliction, either viewing Pike's Peak, or any other old place to which they might take a fancy, and the cost should be borne by the community as a whole instead of being robbed from the stomachs of themselves, their wives and children, during the days they are employed in useful labor.

As far as the O. B. U. is concerned it may be a success even if the—more intellectual bodies—do not at this time see fit to join in the world wide industrial movement, there is every reason to believe that they will see the benefits of such a movement later on.

The last words of Comrade Davison's communication tell me to beware, of what I do not know, but I must say in conclusion, that I thought Comrade Davison too much of a man to make such a cowardly insinuation.

P. M. CHRISTOPHERS

Fernie Public School April Report

Division I.—E. G. Daniels, Teacher

Percentage 90.94

Pupils having perfect attendance: Katie Bean, Hugh Brown, James Campbell, Frank Carlson, Everett Covert, Agnes Culleton, Rose Frey, Maude Jones, Robert Kerr, Alfred Lyne, Ivy Marcer, Annie McDonald, Charlie Orner, Annie Podbielancik, Annie Reynolds, Paul Ruchcall, Glen Mitchell, Wilfrid Owen.

Division II.—E. M. Hogan, Teacher

Percentage 93.14

Pupils having perfect attendance: Mary Bolok, Helen Booth, Marie Coppe, Albert Davies, Gladys Gash, Leonard Hesketh, George Ihas, John Kasmar, Wm. McLennan, Stewart McPhee, Gordon Parker, Doris Reid, Susie Ross, Francis Robichaud, Leon Rushcall, Reta Sherwood.

Division III.—L. M. Burnham, Teacher

Percentage 90.62

Pupils having perfect attendance: Gertrude Bailey, Steve Bernot, Minnie Cairns, Paul Caravetta, David Clowers, Lilian Dicken, Edna Edgar, Margaret Fawcett, Harry Howatt, Nettie Ingram, James Jennings, John Kennedy, Felix Miscisco, Evangeline Parker, Thomas Paton, Jack Pierpont, Victoria Rahal, James Reynolds, Tony Rizutto, Anna Telenko, Alex. Thomson, Albin Vansacker, May Whalley, Merle Wallace.

Division IV.—M. Lillian Corbett, Teacher

Percentage 94.03

Pupils having perfect attendance: Louis Andre, Mabel Barton, John Billings, Edith Cartlidge, Leonard Cartlidge, Bertha Caravetta, Gordon Dobson, Mike Dragon, Edna Harvey, Katie Jones, Loretta Mangan, Fred McVannell, Thomas Nelson, Susie Polak, Natry Rahal, Kenny Stewart, Agnes Townsend, Winnifred Will, Isabel Wilson, Archie White, Hilda Woods, Clifford Yolland.

Division V.—E. C. Stott, Teacher

Percentage 9.65

Pupils having perfect attendance: Edwin Bailey, Gladys Bean, Edith Birtwistle, Jane Davidson, Edith Davies, Clara Demour, Arthur Farrow, Peter Gardon, Frank Gould, Lorne Hamilton, Mary Hughes, Lloyd Johnston, Mary Megale, Ruth Orner, Ellen Phillips, John Ross, Connie Spence.

Division VI.—L. MacLachlan, Teacher

Percentage 91.17

Pupils having perfect attendance: Billie Beal, Florence Billsborough, Violet Drehler, George Cameron, Annie Clowers, Howard Corrie, Norah Harper, Clarice Lockwood, Annie MacPherson, Hugh MacPherson, Munro Parker, Lillian Puckey Yvonne Redoules, Joe Ratcliffe, Steve Salanski, Jean Strachan, Mike Telep, Lyman Tryon, John White.

Division VII.—A. O'Hearn, Teacher

Percentage 96.03

Pupils having perfect attendance: Wilfred Allan, Herbert Andrews, Gladys Carner, Owney Corrigan, John Dragon, Isabel Duncan, Mike Fetzko, Roswell Garner, Alice Haigh, Sydney Hutcheson, Josephine Kennedy, Billie Kummer, Arthur Littly, John Lukas, Esther Peterson, Elsie Puckey, Jessie Robertsson, Nellie Shenfield, Isabel Shulaika, Annie Smolik, Alvera Stockwell, Norman Uphill, Minnie Williams, Mary Wilson, Margaret Crossman.

Division VIII.—F. Macdonald, Teacher

Percentage 94.96

Pupils having perfect attendance: Evelyn Austin, Pasquale Audia, Florence Braithwaite, Joseph Bean, Madeline Chardon, David Eastwood, Eleanor Farrow, Janet Lees, Louis Maffoli, Jack McPhee, Joe Packard, Eddie Pennington, Mary Sloane, Mary Telenko, Julia Vansacker, George Shorthouse.

Division IX.—N. A. O'Callaghan, Teacher

Percentage 97.18

Pupils having perfect attendance: Ella Alton, Isoline Andrews, Edna Cartlidge, Emma Chubra, Annie Costa, Elizabeth Crompton, Chrissie Davidson, Mike Dragon, Agnes Elliott, Hannish Forbes, Fred Gonlak, Donald Harvie, Evelyne Hesketh, Ella Hesketh, William Hilton, Joe Kasmar, Florence MacDonald, Annie Nicholson, Mary Phillips, Betty Podbielancik, Mary Robichaud, Elizabeth Savage, Arnold Smith, Lillian Stowe, Verdant Snow, Leva Tavernia, Louise Costanzo, Bertha Covert, Mary Corallo.

Division X.—M. L. Wade, Teacher

Percentage ....[illegible]

Pupils having perfect attendance: Annie Baran, Edna Barton, Joe Bossio, Louie Bossio, Mary Bough, Lillian Buckley, Sherman Edgar, Mary Gavewiski, Willie Kennedy, Vera Kuske, Clarence Mangan, Annie Piola, Eva Polak, Mary Salanski, Louie Shulaika, Clifford Uphill, Cyril Whitehouse.

Division XI.—A. Hartt, Teacher

Percentage 96.10

Pupils having perfect attendance: Laura Pateman, Lucy Beal, Rosie Bernot, Francis Cannata, John Carlson, Emma Davidson, Hazel Dobson, Annie Dolstra, John Dragon, Mary Easton, George Fetzko, Mathew Flood, Lily Haddad, Harry Hesketh, Hazel Jones, George Kefoury, Ruth McIntyre, San[illegible] Phillips, [illegible] Pinotti, Earle Price, Josie Rizzuto, Hilda Taylor, Daphne Todd, May Tully, Edith Wray, [illegible].

Division XII.—F. E. Hamill, Teacher

[illegible]

Pupils having perfect attendance: Kenneth Alexander, Rosie Amantae, Jessie Beck, Dora Bough, Jack Crawford, Henry Elliott, Tony Fiorillo, Hedley Gash, Albina Haddad, Annie Janos, Osborne Kennedy, Tony Kobus, James Lyne, Agnes Maltman, Tony [illegible], Wilfred Ross, Helen Rushcall, Charles Sherwood, [illegible], Andrew Wallace, Mike Warnock.

Division XIII.—B. K. Hamill, Teacher

Percentage 32.03

Pupils having perfect attendance: Cecil Brown, James Rushell, Lena Caravetta, Fred Costanzo, Kenny Hamilton, Sidney Hamilton, Victoria Hamer, Jack Kummer, Ralph Lento, Mary Lukas, Audrey Mills, Dane Parker, Nellie Parkinson, George Rahal, Consultino Savello, Erma Scarpino, Peter Telip, Annie Terris, Harold Vines, Nelson Wallace, Robert Williams.

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Percentage 95.57

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Division XV.—N. F. Crocker, Teacher

Percentage 91.42

Pupils having perfect attendance: Peter Arcuri, James Atkinson, Marguerite Brehler, Dorothy Braithwaite, Mary Cannata, Joe Chubra, Daisy Drew, Steve Fetzko, Michael Flood, James George, Nancy Hughes, Grace Ingram, Annie Kasmar, Jean Liphardt, Mena Parsloe, Joe Paterson, Gustave Peter, Archie Price, Douglas Ross, Janet Ross, Nick Savello, Irene Todhunter, David Tully, Mary Turnbull, Minnie Wilson, Cecelia Lukas.

Division XVI.—Miss I. Dicken, Teacher

Percentage 91.98

Pupils having perfect attendance: Robert Birtwistle, Rosie Cannata, Ross Costanzo, Annie Evans, Gladys Evans, Candia Guzzi, Bobbie Hynds, John Jacobitz, John Kalita, Ada Kuske, Stanley Latak, Hilda Lyne, Millie Nicoletti, Charlie Perry, Richard Puckey, Ralph Snow, Mary Telip, Maude Vines, John Wallace, John Gardecke, Bill Baldrey, Helen Hughes, Willie Luke, Charlie Kummer, Nellie Smith.

Division XVII.—C. McEwen, Teacher

Percentage 94.24

Pupils having perfect attendance: Albert Aiello, John Audia, Mary Campbell, Katie Chubra, George Clowers, Fred Coffey, John Colgur, George Corrie, Alice Crawford, Lily Haigh, Mabel Harper, James Gordon, Harry Harrison, Joe Hilton, Lawrence Herchmer, Catherine Hutcheson, Philip Jones, Betty Johnson, Agnes Lawson, Eleanor Lowe, Elisa Piola, John Podbielancik, Clara Rauter, Peter Steliga, Katherine Stowe, Wilfred Woodhouse.

Division XVIII.—E. M. Bell, Teacher

Percentage 95.11

Pupils having perfect attendance: Emil Aiello, Daniel Alton, Albert Asselstine, Sarah Campbell, Clara Elliott, Katie Flood, Marjorie Harper, Edith Hoffman, William Hutchinson, [illegible], Hector McDonald, Marguerite Moore, Aubrey Snow, Emma Steliga, John Turner, Vernon Uphill, Harold Austin, Lee Men, Grace Lowe, Isabella Maltman, Milston Owen, Gordon Ross.

Division XIX.—Flossie G. McVicar, Teacher

Percentage 93.60

Pupils having perfect attendance: May Anderson, Hilda Brown, Stewart Brown, Willie Brown, Archie Cairns, Eva Fawcett, John Heisle, Stephen Heisle, Doris Hunt, James Leaf, Clement Marcer, Reggie Marcer, Anna Mogielka, Joe Mogielka, John Petersen, Robert Shenfield, Etta Whiteen, [illegible], Althea Schagel, James Scott, Edwin Whalley.

Division XX.—(Mrs.) A. Etley, Teacher

Percentage ....92.9[illegible]

Pupils having perfect attendance: Stella Allen, Freddy Arnold, Madge Buchanan, Eliza Clarke, Gertrude Dav[illegible], John Mogielka, Elizabeth Mogielka, Ellen Peterson, [illegible] Thomson, [illegible] Mildred Woodhouse.

Division XXI.—M. C. Elliott, Teacher

Percentage 95.26

Pupils having perfect attendance: Ralph Borelli, Frankie Bossio, Florence Cole, Harvey Chippendale, Anita Carolla, Jack Corrie, Mary Currie, Theresa Delmees, Nick Dragon, Raymond Harrison, Mary Hebb, Stanislaus Koolen, Joseph Lassalle, Andrew Lees, Clara Leyland, Caterina Megall, John Marasco, Catherine McPherson, Vincent Phillips, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Joe Salanski, [illegible].

Division XXII.—J. Elliott, Teacher

Percentage 97.12

Pupils having perfect attendance: Orlinda Anselmo, Willie [illegible], Tony [illegible], John Ilas, Nona Koolen, Mike Kabinec, Hector Leonard, [illegible] Mallish, Janet McCormick, George Mishura, Christine Mitchel, Gwendolyn Owen, Kathleen Owen, Mary Polak, John Qualteri, Isaac Rigg, Delesta Rossi, Gilda Scarpino, James Scarpino, Dominic Sharolla, Rosie Sharolla, Mary Shutlak, Paul Sikora, Nellie Skrepeg, Josephine Spaniol, Mary Telenski.

FERNIE HIGH SCHOOLS

Division I.—V. Jenkins, Teacher

Grade 11.

Percentage 98.02

Pupils having perfect attendance: Elsie Frey, Fred Beale, Ernest Frey.

Grade 10

Juliette Andre, Mary Liphardt, Elizabeth Stephen, Jennie Strachan, Ray Commons, Harry Johnson.

Total possible 304

Total actual 298

Division II.—F. M. Stirrett, Teacher

Percentage 96.6

Pupils having perfect attendance: Lillian Barton, Evelyn Bean, Mary Bernot, Billie Dicken, Violet Golightly, Violet Gould, Jennie Harper, John Hughes, Laddie Kobus, Dorothy McLean, Muriel Owen, Walter Owen, Helen Rudnicki, Radiant Snow, Peggy Strachan, Cassie Thirsk, Bruce Wallace, Edna Wallace, Harvey Wallace, Minnie Wallace, Jessie White, George Wasnock.

Total possible 560

Total actual 51

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Grade 12

Edna Wallace 681
Harvey Wallace 640

Grade 11

Ernest Frey 766
Fred Beale 683
Lillian Cameron 658
Elsie Frey 630
Keith Colton 485
Eric Colton 471

Grade 10

Juliette Andre 664
George Quail 622
Elsie Potter 607
Martha Reid 542
Dorothy Nelson 409
Ray Commons 355

H. S. EXAMINATIONS

The following are the class leaders as determined from the last examinations:

In Grade 9

Class leaders, highest totals in Science and Latin divisions: Dorothy McLean, Helen Rudnicki.
In literature—Dorothy McLean.
In mathematics—Helen Rudnicki.
In science—Wm. Dicken.
In drawing—Clifford Gould.
In classics—Dorothy Garner.
In deportment—John Hughes.

In Grade 10

Class leader—Juliette Andre.
Mathematic leader—Juliette Andre.
Classics leader—Juliette Andre.
English leader—George Quail.
Science leader—George Quail.
Deportment leader—Martha Reed.

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Secretary Local Union No. 1058

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FERNIE NEWS

For Sale Cheap.—A twelve seat Ferris Wheel and Organ; in first-class condition; a good money maker for this summer. Apply to S. Trono, Blairmore, Alberta. 38-41*

Serial to Conclude Next Week.—The big increase in the circulation of The District Ledger during the past few weeks caused a miscalculation in the supply of newsprint contracted for on the coast and our regular three months' shipment has not arrived in time for this issue. Because of having to issue a four-page paper much interesting matter has been crowded out and our serial story is reduced to two columns. Next week we will conclude "The Return of Tarzan" and by the following week expect to commence another thrilling story by the same author, "The Son of Tarzan."

Piano Tuning—If your piano needs tuning send a note to Box 498, Fernie and I will call and do the work for you at a reasonable cost.—L. O. Sherman.

Chief of Police Welsby to Resign.—Citizens of Fernie will learn with regret of Chief of Police Welsby's intention to resign and move to the east. Chief Welsby has made many friends in Fernie. The nature of his position is such that it has demanded an exercise of patience and tolerance and both of these qualities he possesses in connection with a sense of justice and fairness that is too frequently lacking on the part of those "clothed in authority." It will be a long day before Fernie will be able to get another chief who can be classed as "just as good as Welsby."

Wanted to Rent—Furnished house in a good location for months of May and June. Reply Box 888, City.

Fernie Boy Joins Mounties.—We understand that Jack Cameron has joined the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. He has the physique which meets the requirements of that body and those who know him believe that he will be a credit to the force and do his bit towards upholding the best traditions of the R. N. W. M. P.

Canaries for Sale.—$7.50 a pair. Apply over McLean's Drug Store or write Box 174.—Mrs. J. Turner.

The Second-Hand Store.—Our attention has been called to the fact that Mrs. Meek, whose husband was carried away by the flu epidemic, has pluckily set to work to support herself and children by keeping a second-hand store which will be ready to buy, sell or exchange articles of every variety. Her pluck is to be commended and her determination to succeed is to be admired.

For Sale—A Magnet Separator: nearly new; cost $100.00; will sell for $75.00.—G. Parnell, Flagstone, B. C. Apr25-4t

Self-Denial Week.—The local corps of the Salvation Army are holding their annual week of Self-Denial from May 4th to 11th inclusive. Friends and sympathizers are showing much generosity. The work which this organization has carried through and the success which has attended its dealings with the outcast and unfortunate, commands the appreciation of all.

Parents Should Attend.—A meeting of the parents of children attending Fernie schools has been called for Monday evening next. It is vitally necessary that there should be a large attendance as a condition has arisen which calls for drastic action. It has been considered advisable to keep the subject matter out of print for the present. Owing to the limited capacity of the council chamber the meeting will be held in the Isis theater. ONLY parents of children attending school will be allowed admission.

Room and Board.—A real home. Apply 10 Howland avenue or phone 1[illegible]

American Consular Service.—The American Consul at Fernie has just received a communication from his government which will be of considerable interest to parties shipping goods to the United States. The Treasury Department of the United States is of the opinion that the quadruplicate copy of consular invoices may be waived where goods are to be entered for immediate transportation to an interior port. The Consul has been notified that it will be unnecessary for shippers in future to forward to the port of arrival a quadruplicate copy of invoice covering goods shipped under bond for immediate transportation to another port. This, however, does not affect the privilege of the shipper at his option, to have certified at [illegible] either three or four copies of the invoice for the single [illegible]

[illegible] ...tuting are available on [illegible] terms. No orchestra work.—Mrs. [illegible] Dufour, [illegible]

Boosting the Y. M. C. A.—[illegible] behalf of the Y. M. C. A. drive for funds to continue the work of that most efficient organization, spoke to a rather small audience last Wednesday evening in the United Church. Pastor Batzold presided and Miss [illegible] rendered a piano solo. Miss [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] were greatly appreciated. Captain [illegible] he gave an outline of the work of the Y. M. C. A. as he saw it from the ranks of the fighting men. He answered many of the unjust criticisms aimed at the organization, and coming from a soldier his remarks carried conviction to his hearers. It was unfortunate that there was not more persons out to hear him, but there were four or five other meetings held the same evening which tended to divide the crowds. Captain Rae had no connection with Y. M. C. A. work while overseas.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS UNVEIL HONOR ROLL

A most enjoyable gathering was held by the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters on Tuesday evening when the Honor Roll of the lodge was unveiled. The illuminated roll, artistically engraved by N. H. Hawkins, of Vancouver, and appropriately framed, carries the following names of the Fernie Knights who took part in the great war:

G. Dingsdale	D. F. Markland
W. H. Bond	D. J. Black
*A. Bunch	W. H. Craig
S. McL. Norton	E. Noddle
R. Hubesty	H. Hodson
J. T. Baugh	*R. Forsythe
S. Nicholls	R. Lanthier
J. Timmings	

*Killed in Action

Alfred Baker was chairman and preceded the unveiling of the Honor Roll with an appropriate address. A noteworthy feature was the musical program, nine violins, accompanied by the piano, giving an artistic and harmonious rendition of the March from Tannhauser; Gloria, from Mozart's Twelfth Mass; Romance, from Queen of France, Symphony and Scottish selections. All present were unanimous in declaring that this stringed orchestra should favor Fernie with a public performance. The artists were: Messrs. Richard Tolley, Albert Tolley, Andrew Lees, Charles Lees, James Stockwell, Clifford Stockwell, Johnnie Collett, James Robson and Elon Bebb. Mrs. J. Dufour was accompanist.

Richard Tolley favored with two solos, Cavalier Rusticano and Traumarie, while Dan Alton surprised and delighted the assemblage by his skill and dexterity in a special exhibition of step dancing.

Land Settlement Board.—Messrs. Ward & Neelems, of the B. C. Land Settlement Board met the Fernie Reconstruction Committee on Wednesday evening. These gentlemen explained the policy of the board so far as this district is concerned. The field of operations in this district seem to cover only the lands south of Fernie formerly held by the Fernie Lumber company. The board proposes to pay for this land ten dollars per acre, plus cost of administration, plus cost of clearing and will give a long term for payment. About two hundred members of Gladstone local have already put in requests for land from the board and in teh absence of Secretary Martin, who is a member of the Reconstruction committee, William Robson was deputed to attend the meeting and will report to Gladstone local this evening. All who put in application are requested to be at this meeting.

Now Possesses a Car.—Oscar Erickson, who has distributed more socialist literature than any other man in this section of British Columbia, is now the possessor of an automobile. In view of the fact that the Calgary Herald is intimating that all radical propaganda in this country is being financed by the Bolsheviki, the secret service are said to have examined Oscar's buzz wagon to see if it carries Trotsky's coat of arms.

One Hundred Per Cent for O. B. U.—A telephone message received by The District Ledger just before going to press says that the local of the B. C. Loggers Union at Crow's Nest, have just taken the ballot on the ONE BIG UNION and approve of that organization ONE HUNDRED PER CENT STRONG.

GLADSTONE LOCAL NOTES

I noticed in several papers that it is the intention of some of the film manufacturers to stage a film, somewhere in Florida (note the place) illustrating the Bolsheviki movement in Russia. They also think that they are going to use the returned soldier to make their picture a success. They must be poor fools, or Barnum must be down there if they think the returned soldier is going to pull their nuts out of the fire.

The miners secretary received a letter from our old time friend, Robert Jones at Medicine Hat. Bob says the O. B. U. is going fine down there. Good luck to it Bob, and to yourself.

William Cartiledge was visiting Fernie this week accompanied by John Glover, secretary of Corbin Local Union. Bill came into see his son Albert, who has just returned from overseas where he has been serving with the C. E. F. Albert mislaid his wallet while half asleep and half awake when he went to bed, all-in by travelling. Albert thought he had lost it, but when the janitor was fixing his bed, it was found intact inside the pillow case.

To all ticket sellers in District 18 in connection with the Bagioli estate, Fernie: Please forward all your stubs by the end of next week. The drawing will positively come off then. This will be deemed sufficient notice. Forward all tickets to Nic Miscisco, Fernie, B. C.

After six months advertising we have found Louis Quilmet. The miners' secretary turned over what was coming to him on Wednesday last. Louis says he has been rambling all over the country, and never thought about his claim.

SOME HYPNOTIST

Mr. Editor, we used to boost Barnum when he was in town. We used to think that he had got anything on earth skinned in hypnotism, but I am afraid he has been beaten to it, by some one at Bankhead. We noticed that they have refused to endorse the O. B. U. Instead of worrying about those thirty-four in Fernie, send a specialist up there to examine their craniums.

DEATH OF MRS. THORNTON

The sympathy of Gladstone Local union is extended to the husband and family of the late Mrs. Thornton, who died at Coal Creek this week. The funeral will take place Friday, May 9th. All friends please take notice.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beloved son Harry Quince, who died of wounds on May the 4th, 1918.
Gone but not forgotten; to our memory ever dear.
—From mother and father and brother.

The Rebekah's Whist Drive.—On Thursday evening Ingram's hall was crowded with those who were anxious to participate in the Rebekah's Whist Drive and Dance. The cushion tickets were drawn by Master Buster Dufour and the twenty-fifth taken from the bag was the lucky one. The winner was Mr. Kier, of Suddaby's Drug Store.

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Fresh Beets, 7 lbs. for	.25
Missouri Pippin Apples, small size, 3 lbs.	.25
Biscuits, special assorted, per lb.	.25
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Robin Hood Porridge Oats, per pkg.	.30
Robin Hood Porridge Wheat, per pkg.	.30
Lipton's Yellow Label Coffee, 1 lb. tin	.60
Lipton's Plantation Tea, 3 lb. tin	1.65
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Wagstaff's Pear Jam, 4 lb. tin	1.00
Wagstaff's Red Plum Jam, 4 lb. tin	1.00
Wagstaff's Assorted Jam (sugared) 1 lb. glass	.20
Cranberry Sauce, 1 lb. glass	.35
C. & B. Red Cabbage Pickles, bottle	.35
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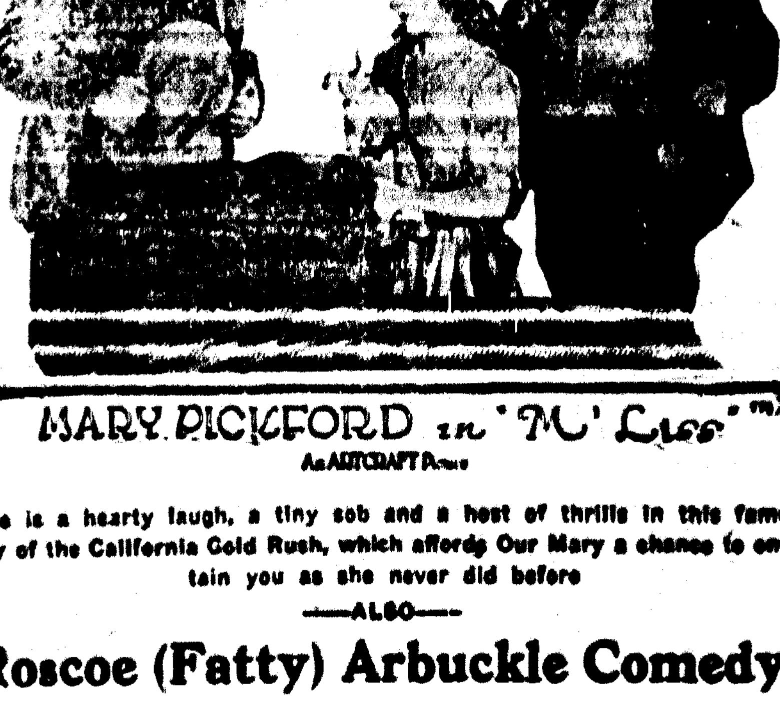

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