

LABOR TROUBLE

Now Prevades Bonanza From
End to End and On
Chechako

STARTED YESTERDAY ON 34 ABOVE

Owned by Dick Butler and Alex
McDonald.

WANT \$5 A DAY AND BOARD

Rate Has Been \$4.00 Per Day With
Board—Miner's Union Advocated
—Demand May be Granted.

That the question of labor in the Klondike is becoming one of the most serious of the day there is no gainsaying for the reason that labor strikes are becoming of daily occurrence on the creeks, the miners feeling that they are not being sufficiently recompensed for their labor. Where \$4 per day and board has been the prevailing price paid, \$5 per day and board is being demanded and has been conceded on nearly every claim on Eldorado; but owners on other creeks have declined to make the advance, hence the strikes.

Yesterday work suspended on 34 above on Bonanza, owned by Alex McDonald and Dick Butler, and one of the richest on the creek. The workmen demanded the increase of \$1 per day which being refused, they walked out. Two or three new men were found who were willing to work at the old scale, but the force was so materially reduced that the work may be said to be practically suspended.

On Chechako Hill there was a general strike this morning which soon spread until it extended nearly all along lower Bonanza. The laborers are firm in the stand they have taken to remain out until their demands are acceded to. They insist that where they are forced to take their earnings of \$4 per day in dust at \$16 per ounce, the loss is too appreciable to make common labor remunerative. The organization of a miners' union is being strongly advocated today by a number of strikers who came down from Bonanza this morning and there is a strong probability that some such organization will be effected in the very near future. Over 200 men are reported to have quit work on Chechako Hill this morning, but there is a general belief that their demand will be granted and that work will be resumed tomorrow.

The strike started on Chechako on the claim of Howard & Andrews where 80 men quit work and in 30 minutes business on the entire hill is said to have ceased. If Howard & Andrews allow the additional \$1 per diem the smaller operators will fall in line.

The feeling on the part of the laborers in mines that \$4 per day was not sufficient has been growing for several months during which time it has been productive of more bunkhouse oratory than any other subject.

Scared the Robber.

"The fact that a determined stand is all that is needed," continued the western man, "was illustrated a good many years ago by a peculiar little incident which took place on the old stage line running out of Tombstone, A. T. Holdups used to be frequent on that route; but, strange to say, nobody took any precautions against such a contingency. One day the stage was carrying an unusual number of passengers, and while it was going over an extremely desolate section of the road a masked man stepped from behind a rock, leveled a shot gun at the driver and ordered him to pull up.

"He obeyed at once, and the robber began the usual program by telling everybody to get out and range themselves in line with their hands above their heads. There were several nervous men on top, but none of them cared to court death by taking the initiative, and it was impossible, moreover, to say how many additional ruffians might be lurking behind the rocks. At any rate, all hands were clambering down when suddenly the door of the stage was flung violently open and out leaped a big, fierce looking man with a cocked revolver in each fist.

"At the sight of him the robber took an involuntary backward step and fell sprawling over a round stone. Both barrels of his gun went off in the air, and in the confusion he picked himself up and ran like a deer for cover. He had a horse on the other side of the rocks, and in less time than it takes to tell it he was in the saddle and burn-

ing the wind across the prairies. He got away, and now comes the funny part of the story.

"While the robber was beating his retreat the big man snapped both pistols ineffectually at least half a dozen times and then, discovered in blank amazement that neither one of them was loaded. He was glaring dumb-founded into the empty cylinders when his wife stuck her head out of the coach and burst into vociferous weeping.

"Oh, John," she sobbed, "I took the cartridges out of them guns this morning and forgot to tell you about it." As she spoke she held out a handful of brass shells.

"What the mischief did you do that for?" he roared.

"I was skeered—that they might go off in the coach and shoot the baby. Boo, hoo, hoo!" she replied. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He Got Even.

He is a big, powerful man, a little slow of speech, with a large head and thoughtful face. He usually has the abstraction of a studious man; but on the day of this incident his acquaintances could see evidences of internal excitement and outward alertness.

He did not stop to shake hands or chat with any one, but with knitted eyebrows and shoulders lifted above the usual point of elevation he would sharply inquire: "Seen Jones, my partner? No? Well, if you run across him, just tell him there is a client in the office waiting for him. Needn't mention having seen me."

Then he would plod patiently on, watching both sides of the street. Half a block ahead of him he spied his quarry going north on the avenue. The big man took on a swinging gait and overhauled him at Grand Circus park. The pursuer knows nothing about the scientific rules of fighting, but he picked his partner up bodily, slammed him down on the pavement, thence tossed him into snow-drift, stood him on his head, shampooed him, took him by the collar and flayed the "beautiful" with him and then threw him ten feet into a fresh snow bank, turning and walking away without a word.

When Jones was helped to a drug store, it was found that a drink was all he required. He told the curious crowd that he guessed his assailant must be crazy, but to a friend said confidentially:

"I've quit. No more practical jokes for me. Come to think of it, I don't blame the old chap much. You know that he went down to his former home to deliver an oration on Marshall day. I stole his speech and substituted a long brief in a street opening case. You know how modest he is and can imagine what happened when he addressed the toastmaster and pulled out that brief. I'm going to telephone thanks for not knocking my head off and then see if he'll let me in the office to hold a parley. Thunder, but he's big and strong!" —Detroit Free Press.

He Wants to Know.

Editor Nugget: In the case of a fire occurring in this city, I am anxious to be informed by Hon. Maj. Woods if it is necessary for one to have a written authority from the owner of merchandise that may be moved from buildings threatened by fire so that he or they can care for them. It so happened at the fire which took place yesterday that I was asked by a merchant to look out for his goods. While doing so Inspector Primrose came along and asked me what I was doing. I informed him that I was taking care of my friend's goods. Then he ordered me to move on. Does it seem reasonable in the hurry and scurry of saving of goods during a fire that one should be clothed with written authority before they can look after goods being saved? R. M. BROWN.

Lacrosse Sticks.

R. M. McLennan imported last season a number of lacrosse sticks in anticipation of matches being played on the ice the past winter. These sticks are now at Selkirk and will be in Dawson probably with the arrival of the first snow. Mr. McLennan will probably present the police boys with a full set.

The Worm Turned.

"Are you going out tonight, dear?" said the husband to the emancipated woman.

"I am. It is the regular weekly meeting of the lodge."

"Then I want to say to you"—and there was an unusual defiance in the mild man's tone—"I want to say that if you are not home by 11 o'clock I shall go home to my father." —Ladies Weekly.

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ALL WILL REBUILD AT ONCE

Scene of Yesterday's Fire a Lively
One Today.

Land Owners Arranging for Immediate
Construction of Buildings to Re-
place Those Lost.

The work of cleaning up the debris caused by yesterday's fire preparatory to rebuilding commenced this morning. Nearly all of the merchants whose places of business were demolished when seen this morning signified their intention of rebuilding at once.

Mr. J. S. Barron who lost two buildings, one 28 feet front, two stories high, and the other a log cabin 20 feet front, has men already at work as has also Mr. Levy whose store was next to Mr. Barron's. Mr. Vernon who owned the 12-foot front building occupied by Abraham's clothing store where the fire started, will also rebuild.

Gandolfo, whose building occupied the corner will erect a large building on his lot.

The Farichild bar is open today and the hotel will be ready for occupancy within a week.

A large force of carpenters has been at work today on the interior of the government offices in the old postoffice building repairing the fixtures and putting up shelves and cases which were torn down yesterday.

The stock of A. C. Lockhead the hardware merchant is a complete loss. No one was at the store when the fire occurred and nothing was saved. He is undecided as to whether he will open again or not.

Waxstock and Brant will reopen their grocery store as soon as they can find a location.

The balance of the losers including Freedman & Co., clothing dealers, S. M. Shuman, Colky & Co., second-hand merchants, Ripstein & Co. and the others will probably reopen their stores as they saved the larger portion of their stocks.

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ing expressed today with regard to the way the fire was handled. Some are criticising the department very severely while others are very free in praising their work. There is no question as to the wisdom of the department in putting all their energy into saving the old postoffice building as everyone admits that if that building had taken fire the consequences would have been much more severe and in fact it would be hard to estimate the amount of damage which would have been done. In the face of the strong wind which was blowing the fire directly towards the center of the town and the way in which the department was handicapped by the lack of one engine, which had just been moved from the river and which was not in operation, it would have been an impossibility to check the fire had it once got a start beyond that building.

Taking all these things into consideration the department certainly did proper in checking the fire at that place and are entitled to a great deal of credit.

Queen's Birthday Sports.

As a result of an interview with the Hon. Mr. Ross, commissioner for the Yukon territory, the convenors are advised that our late revered Queen's birthday will be held as a public holiday in Dawson, and with a view to holding the usual sports celebration on that day, the 24th of May, we hereby invite all interested to attend a general meeting to be held in the McDonald hall on Saturday evening, May 4th, at 8:30 p. m.

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