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Review of facts shows Strike at Union brought about by intrigue.

The formation in the first instance of an organization among the miners at Union, through the instrumentality of agents sent there for this express purpose and not because of a general desire on the part of those concerned, or even of the existence of conditions which would naturally create such a desire, and in the presence, moreover, of circumstances which at any other time would have led to the rejection of any proposal to form a union—as, for instance, the realization by the miners that the men at Ladysmith were out of work by reason of their having joined the Federation in defiance of the company; the request by Baker, assuming to act on behalf of the Ladysmith union, for instructions for a sympathetic strike at Union; the command of the executive at Denver to call out all men necessary to win at Ladysmith and to organize the Chinese and Japanese; the trickery and deception practiced by Baker in the manipulation of these telegrams, and of the members of several committees with which he had to deal; his own false testimony before the Commission in regard to one of the most vital points of the whole inquiry; his action in forcing organization at any cost, and the action of the officials at Union, with whom he had been in communication, of a like desire to precipitate a strike at that place regardless of the terms of the constitution, and with the evident sanction and approval of Baker and other members of the Denver executive, and the statement of Estes that he would tie up the mines on Vancouver Island;—these facts, together with the circumstances that so long as the mines at Union could be successfully worked, the miners at Ladysmith would find it very difficult to cope successfully with the company, and that the company would be still in a position to fulfil its contracts with the Canadian Pacific Railway, lead us inevitably to the conclusion that, as in the case of Ladysmith, the explanation of the cause of the strike at Union is to be found rather in the conditions existing elsewhere

at the time, than from any general feeling of dissatisfaction in regard to the conditions of their employment among the miners at Union, and that it was the result of a carefully contrived and skillfully executed intrigue on the part of persons acting as part of, or in connection with the executive of the Western Federation at Denver, and which, but for the action of this executive and its members, would not have taken place.

Strikers not Supported by W. F. of M. as promised.

We feel that the extent of the deception practiced by the officials of the Western Federation, and the harmful consequence to those whose acts the Federation has pretended to champion, to say nothing of the injuries which have been caused the public as a direct consequence of these strikes, would not be fully realized, if this report did not contain a direct reference to the nature of the treatment which the miners, both at Ladysmith and Union, have received from the Federation since the strikes were declared. The one reason for joining the Western Federation, alleged at both these places on the part of all the witnesses who testified on the matter, was that the Western Federation was a numerous and powerful body, and that they had full assurances that in the event of its support being required at any time they would receive sufficient financial assistance. Notwithstanding the fact that the strike at Ladysmith had been in existence for over two months at the time the Commission commenced its sittings at that place, and that there appeared to be, even at that time, considerable suffering and need of assistance among the miners and their families, the Western Federation had contributed but a few hundred dollars to the relief of the most urgent cases. Not until eleven days after the strike at Union had been declared, was word sent to the miners at Ladysmith that a draft for \$1,000 for their relief would be mailed on the following day. Not having received this draft by the 16th of May, and being reduced to ex-