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COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Fernie Free Press:

Dear Sir—The Doctors' Question is still a live issue and going strong in Drs. Asselstine and Garner's favor; many of the Coal Company employees having reconsidered the question and have signed up with them again, and for the information of those who don't know, any employee may sign up on any day of the week for the doctors he prefers, at the Big Office in Fernie. Nuff sed.

The Relief Committee, another name but practically the same men who compose the Medical Committee, have unconsciously given the old doctors the biggest boost of the whole campaign by refusing to pay over to those union men of B North Mine, who signed for the old doctors, the money collected for that very purpose. Well to me it seems both inhuman as well as unlawful. Need anyone wonder that many names will be added to swell the old doctors' list as a consequence of their unfeeling action.

To those who have a copy of the U. W. W. of A. Constitution it would be time well spent to read it over; to those who have none and are members, kindly ask the Secretary for a copy. There is information of value to be gained by reading it, and many disputes would be avoided by putting it into practice. Personally I have no hesitation in saying that those who are so insistently saying "fall into line with the Union" are the very persons who are doing all they know to disrupt it—this is not hearsay, but solid fact.

With regard to calling in District 18 Officials, who by the way are doing their level best to get the imported men out of the Edmonton district to return from whence they came, would suggest that every mineworker in this camp who promptly sign up for the old doctors, is helping on the good work of shipping out the imported Doctors, and doing the work more efficiently than the District officials could do if they came. So get busy. I remain, yours,—Robert Draper.

COMMUNICATION

Fernie, B.C., Jan. 4, 1924.

To the Editor of The Fernie Free Press:

Dear Sir—I would like to beg a small space in your valuable paper regarding the Home Bank depositors, as in my opinion they don't seem very much bothered about their savings all being lost.

There was a General Meeting call-

ed for Wednesday evening, January 2nd, 1924, for the Mayor (Mr. G. G. Henderson) and Mr. J. E. Smith, of Coal Creek, to submit their reports of the Toronto meeting so that the depositors would learn what these two gentlemen had done on behalf of the local depositors in trying to secure 100 cents on the dollar and I don't think they, the depositors, have shown appreciation of the efforts of our Mayor, for the good he is doing, not only for the city, but for the depositors.

I am sure Mr. Henderson was more than disappointed in seeing such a few of the depositors present; also the absence of the business men of the city, as there was only three turned out to the meeting. But I am afraid they will be more anxious when the taxes are put up—for that is what it will come to if we don't get 100 cents on the dollar. And it seems to me we are doing very little for ourselves in the matter, and I think it is the least we could do to attend all the meetings to hear what is being done on our behalf by Mr. Henderson, to secure the 100 cents on the dollar, and our appreciation of his services.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am, yours truly,—A Depositor.

MYSTIC CHINA AGAIN SHOWN ON SCREEN

Mystic China! Elaborate, colorful settings! Pretentious costumes! Excitement! Drama! Romance! All these and more in "Thundergate," a First National picture, which comes to the Orpheum Theatre for Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The story deals with an American, who, through the duplicity of the girl to whom he is engaged, abetted by her lover, sinks to degradation in China. Through circumstances he is forced to masquerade as a Chinese over-lord and then meets romance in the shape of a white girl, who had been reared as a Chinese.

The girls is brought to him as a slave-wife. He learns she is white and then a conflict begins to save her from the Chinese and at the same time expose the duplicity of his former associates.

"Thundergate" is described as a swiftly moving drama replete with thrills. Owen Moore, one of the screen's most popular players, enacts the leading role. Virginia Brown Faire plays the part of the slave wife. Other film celebrities in the cast are Sylvia Breamer, Tully Marshall, Robert McKim, Richard Cummings and Ynez Seabury.

TO FERNIE

Oh Fernie is a happy place,
A nestling in the hills;
And there the boys and girls do love
To enjoy sleighing thrills.
And after nine o'clock rings out,
The younger fry go home;
And the older ones who do not shout
In love; the streets they roam.

So Fernie is, you must agree,
A gay and lively city;
And why the rest are not like it,
It surely is a pity.

Then earth would be a happy place,
And none would long to leave it,
And critics, who in sorrow race,
Would have no cause to grieve it.

The men in business try to please
The people all around;
Whether it be some ice to freeze,
Or a new satin gown.

On winter morns the air is fresh,
And send your blood a-crawling;
But when it thaws, youth use their
paws

To renew their fun snowballing.
At early morn, the men pass by,
To work in mines and other labor;
And their wives stay home to fry,
Or cook meals to their favor.
So may we with a happy song,
And sing this little ditty;
And always try to boost along,
This great place, Fernie City.

—Public School Pupil C.C.H.

THRIVING ON DEPRESSION

Revelstoke Review: The following is a close analysis from a psychological point of view of the mind of a reader who has just finished reading one of those magazines whose so-called idea it is to reform evil by exposing it. He feels that the whole world is rotten to the core. The chief business of the citizens of the country is to perpetrate evil, the judges seem impotent to deal justice, the millionaires are committing suicide, whereas he thought they at least would be happy; night birds, child slavery, moonshine, mothers' torture, a super crook, lure of the Oriental, traffic in filth, business swindlers, sins of war time, sex problems, all this and more in one issue for the sum of two pence.

In other words, he accrues a nasty fit of depression. In this state he wants more, he wants to gloat over the ruin and folly of others. The beautiful side, the sunny side of life is completely blotted out.

A certain amount of good may be done by these papers, but the greatest proof that it is not all good is the astounding fact that the man who filled the country with his rantings against evil doers is now in prison for a gigantic swindle, carried on concurrently with his fiery denunciations. There is infinitely more of good in the world than evil, and furthermore there are two sides to every question.

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