

THE STRIKE A FRAUD ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINERS' UNION

The result of the impartial investigation of the Rossland Board of Trade into the circumstances surrounding the strike ordered by the Rossland Miners' Union is an expression of opinion that the strike was illegitimately arranged, and contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union.

Dear Sir:—The interests which are involved in the present strike called by your Union are so vast and vital in their effects on this community that this Board feels that it is of the utmost importance that the position of your Union in ordering a strike should be impregnable in order to entitle it to public support and sympathy.

During the conference held today between your Executive Committee and a committee appointed of this Board, the matter of the vote taken on the question of ordering a strike was discussed. You will remember that in answer to a series of questions the reply of your Executive was that although twenty-four hours' notice of this vote was given, the vote was small, and that your resident membership was in the neighborhood of 700.

Because the ordering of this strike is of most vital and far-reaching effect on this community and because there is a very persistent and well defined feeling abroad that the majority of your own members have not favored the ordering of a strike, we desire, in the kindest way possible, to call your attention to the second section of Article One of the Constitution and By-Laws of your Union, which is as follows: "The Constitution and By-Laws of this Union shall conform to those of the Western Federation of Miners;" and to the following section in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Western Federation of Miners: "IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY LOCAL UNION TO ENTER UPON A STRIKE UNLESS ORDERED BY THREE-FOURTHS OF ITS RESIDENT MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, which shall be decided by a secret ballot, and on the approval of the Executive Board, who shall have fifteen days' notice to consider the proposed change in working time or wages made by them to the local Union; then it shall be lawful for the members of the local Union to strike in order to maintain their rights. In this they shall be assisted by the Executive Board; provided that the Executive Board where they deem it best in the interest of a local Union may temporarily annul the fifteen day provision of this Section."

We are quite sure from the spirit which prevailed at our conference today that you only have the best interests of your Union and this community at heart and in the present trouble your anxiety is to be absolutely right before the public and to rectify any action or any error you have made inadvertently in connection with the balloting. It seems to us that the clause above quoted from the Constitution of the Western Federation of Miners was wisely framed with the object of obtaining the approval of "three-fourths of its resident members in good standing" before such a momentous decision as a strike could be given effect to by a local Union, as otherwise the fate of a Union and a whole community, with all their material interests, might be jeopardized and even wrecked by a minority, no matter how small. For instance, out of your total membership of 700, IF 12 ONLY VOTED, NINE MEN COULD DECLARE A STRIKE.

We believe that our object in writing this letter will not be misunderstood by you, as your interests are ours and we are equally anxious that no action should be taken EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASCERTAINED WISH OF THREE-FOURTHS OF YOUR TOTAL RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING, AS PROVIDED BY YOUR BY-LAWS.

If on further consideration of the points we have raised in this letter, you agree with us, we trust you will take the necessary steps to set this matter right. Yours very truly, (Signed) ROSSLAND BOARD OF TRADE. H. W. C. JACKSON, Sec'y.

FREE SPEECH MUST BE SUPPRESSED

The strike is spreading. It has reached the Rossland Miner office. The Newsboys' Union has determined that its members shall not deliver the Miner to subscribers or sell it on the streets. This action has been found necessary in order that Messrs. Wilks, Woodside & Co. may win the fight in which they are engaged. It is important to them that there be no interference with their manipulation of the situation; and the Rossland Miner, because of its cursed habit of independent thought and speech, must be suppressed as far as possible.

The little newsboys are in much the same position as a majority of the miners who are walking the streets of Rossland today—they hardly know why they are on strike.

The manager of the Miner sent for the president of the Newsboys' Union and interrogated him regarding the boys' decision. Was there any special grievance against the Rossland Miner Printing & Publishing Company? No. Was there any question of unfair wages or ill-treatment? No. What was the reason, then, of the newsboys' strike? "Well," finally explained the president, "we have been told that we ought not to sell the Miner. We had a meeting, and Mr. Woodside was present, and we all voted in favor of going on strike."

This is unpleasant for the Rossland Miner, but it is part of the penalty which one pays for interference with the plans of Messrs. Wilks, Woodside & Co., and therefore inevitable. But we fear the worst punishment which is to be administered to the Rossland Miner is yet to come. Messrs. Wilks, Woodside & Co. may find it necessary to order the business men of Rossland to cease according the Rossland Miner any advertising patronage. This may not be in accordance with the ideas of fair play possessed by the management of the Miner or the business men, but who shall say that the will of Messrs. Wilks, Woodside & Co. shall not be obeyed?

It will be interesting to explain how unfairly the Rossland Miner has treated the Miners' Union. A month or so ago, some question arose in respect to the Miner's independent position as a newspaper, and the manager of the Miner sent a letter to the secretary of every union in this city. One was sent to Mr. Frank E. Woodside. The letters were all the same. The statement was made by the president and managing editor of the Rossland Miner Printing & Publishing Company that the columns of the Rossland Miner were at all times at the disposal of the members of unions to the same extent as to any other individual. An offer was made to print any statement or communication, provided it was of reasonable length, couched in decent language and signed by the author. That shows how unfair the Rossland Miner has been inclined to be towards organized labor.

But there is something more to be told yet. On the day the strike was declared, the following letter was sent to Mr. Woodside: "Rossland, B. C., July 12, 1901.

"Frank E. Woodside, Esq., Sec. Miners' Union, 'Rossland, B. C., Dear Sir:—We shall esteem it a special favor if you will furnish our reporter, who will present this to you, with a full, official statement of the position of the Miners' Union in the present strike, with a citation of the grievances which induced such action on the part of the men, for publication in the Rossland Miner. Yours very truly, 'The Rossland Miner Printing & Publishing Co., Limited. 'C. A. GREGG, Manager."

That was a very unfair proposal wasn't it! No reply was received from Mr. Woodside, so the Miner carried its unfairness a step further. The statement which it asked for from Mr. Woodside appeared in the evening paper. And what did the editor of the Rossland Miner do? He seized a pair of scissors, clipped out the official statement of the Union's position, and reproduced it in his paper! By such conduct the Rossland Miner evidently carried its unfairness too far, and it must be boycotted.

We are sorry for the little newsboys who have gone on strike. They are manly little fellows. They were earning good pay and and their duties were not onerous. It would have been nice that they could have been permitted to remain at profitable employment, but newsboys must learn, as must, apparently, the people of Rossland, that there is such a combination as Wilks, Woodside & Company and that that combination comes pretty near being boss of this city.

The Rossland Miner will continue to publish as heretofore. It will print all the news all the time; and until the British flag has been lowered and the standard of James Wilks or Edward Boyce of Denver, Colorado, hoisted in its stead, continue to give expression to its views on all matters affecting the interests of the district in which it is published.

And each and every member of the Miners' Union or any other union may use its columns to the same extent as any other individual.

CROW'S NEST ROAD

WORK STOPPED THROUGH AN INJUNCTION OBTAINED BY THE C. P. R.

THE MATTER TO COME UP IN COURT AT VANCOUVER TOMORROW.

Judge Forin has issued a temporary injunction restraining the Crow's Nest Southern Railway company from entering in upon or passing through lands owned by the B. C. Southern railway, or in any way interfering with the rights of the latter company's right of way up Morrisey creek.

The injunction was served upon Manager Wilson, as agent for the Crow's Nest company on Tuesday last, says the Fort Steele Prospector, and on Wednesday upon the chief engineer of the surveying parties engaged in running the line up Morrisey creek. The final disposition of this injunction, which will be heard at Vancouver on July 17th, will be watched with great interest by the people of South-east Kootenay. A motion will be made at this hearing on the part of the B. C. Southern to have the injunction continued. At the last session of the provincial legislature the Crow's Nest Southern Railway company secured a charter to build a railway from the international boundary via the Kootenay and Elk rivers to the coal areas at Michel, Coal and Morrisey creeks, this line to connect at the boundary with a line from Jennings, Montana, on the Great Northern railway to the boundary at Tobacco Plains.

An application was also made to the Dominion parliament at its last session for a charter covering the same routes as that applied for in the Provincial house. After passing through the preliminary stage, and before its third reading in the House of Commons, the promoters withdrew the application by the consent of the House, on account of certain stringent conditions which were to be attached and which were unfavorable to the Crow's Nest company.

The Crow's Nest company having completed its arrangements for a line to the south decided to build under its provincial charter. Surveys were made and plans filed at Victoria on June 19th for a spur up Morrisey creek. At this time the C. P. R. also had an outfit in the field surveying a line up Morrisey creek, and in the race for completion of surveys and filing of plans it was thought that the C. P. R. came out behind, but according to affidavits filed, it appears that the latter company filed their plans with the minister of railways at Ottawa on June 6th, nearly two weeks ahead of the Crow's Nest company, and the C. P. R. again filed plans at Nelson on the 24th of June. Both companies commenced grading, the Crow's Nest company on the north side of Morrisey creek, the C. P. R. on the south side, the former company working on higher ground inter-

ferred with the workings of the latter company, who immediately issued its formal declaration of war, in filing an application, and securing an injunction enjoining the Crow's Nest company from passing through or entering upon lands owned by the B. C. Southern Railway company, or interfering in any way with the right of way of the B. C. Southern up Morrisey creek.

According to the Railway Act, a company crossing into a foreign country or adjoining province must secure the consent of the Dominion government, it is said that a provincial charter carries no such privileges, that roads have been constructed under a provincial charter and crossed into a foreign country is a fact, but in those cases no objections were recorded, but in this fight between the C. P. R. and the Crow's Nest Southern, "which will be a competitor of the C. P. R.," the U. P. R. owning almost all the land through which the proposed line will traverse, hence it will no doubt oppose every effort on the part of the Crow's Nest Southern to build.

Work of surveying and grading on Morrisey creek has stopped, pending the result of the hearing of restraining order at Vancouver on the 17th inst.

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ollicitors for the Bank of Montreal. Rossland, B. C. CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Agnes mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, E. Parier, F.M.C. No. B 41105, for myself and as agent for Peter Kennedy, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 31290, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this sixteenth day of May, 1901. E. PAVIER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Republic, Democrat and Morning mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: West Fork of Big Sheep creek. Take notice that I, F. R. Blochberger of Rossland, free miner's certificate No. B 31199, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 27th day of May, 1901, A. D. F. R. BLOCHBERGER.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Empress mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About two and one half miles south of the city of Rossland, on the south slope of Deer Park mountain. Take notice that I, Thomas Scott Gilmour of Rossland B.C., acting as agent for A. D. Provand, free miner's certificate No. B 30989, and G. H. Bayne, free miner's certificate No. B 30951, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated at Rossland, B.C., this 23rd day of May, 1901. THOS. S. GILMOUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Minnetonka, Red Cap and U. P. mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the east side of the North Fork of Murphy creek. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Mary Annie Owens) free miner's certificate No. B 42554, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this thirteenth day of June, A. D., 1901. KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

Notice. Big Elephant mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Near the summit of Lake mountain. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for John Kahn, free miner's certificate No. B 42775), intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this twenty-seventh day of June, A.D., 1901. KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Multnomah, Fairlane, Ferndale, Moss, Competitor, and Orapileg mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Near the summit of Lake mountain. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Ernst W. Liljegan, free miner's certificate No. B 42438, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Amen, Umattila, Bannock and Bleek-foot mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On northeastern slope of Sophie mountain.

Take notice that I, F. R. Blochberger, of Rossland, B.C., free miner's certificate No. B 31199, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Notice.

Olive and Victor mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Sullivan creek, about three miles from the Columbia river. Take notice that I, R. Smith, free miner's certificate 31334 B, acting as agent for T. A. Cameron, free miner's certificate 31105 B, and Wm. Griffiths, free miner's certificate No. 31302 B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 30th day of May, A.D., 1901. R. SMITH.

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Le Roi mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

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Following are the week ending July 13 a date:

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