

**MINTO STRIKE NOT ORDERED BY U.M.W. OFFICIALS**

It is a Strike Decided Upon by the Miners Without Interference from Officials.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 9.—The Minto strike is not a strike of the officials of the United Mine Workers. It is a strike of the miners at Minto, decided upon by them without interference from our officials. This was the statement made by James R. McLachlan today following a receipt of a telegram from William Hayes, board member, from District No. 26, who is at Minto looking after the interests of the miners who are on strike.

"Some newspapers in New Brunswick have declared that this strike at Minto is one called by the officials of the U. M. W. over the heads of the men. It is nothing of the kind. The men took the strike vote and they were unanimous in favor of a walk out. It is unfair to accuse the officials of causing this strike."

**SNAKE BITES**

Snakes are like mushrooms in one respect; there is often so close a resemblance between the harmless and the poisonous varieties that it is never safe to assume that any known species is not venomous. The rattlesnake, the common poisonous snake of the Northern States, usually gives notice of its presence by shaking his tail; it is not aggressive, and it will generally move out of the way if not provoked. The moccasin, however, is noiseless and slow moving; it prefers to bite rather than to run.

The symptoms that follow a bite by a viper, such as a rattlesnake, are those of blood intoxication. There is great black-and-blue discoloration at the place bitten, and later at other parts of the surface, and there is bleeding from the nose, eyes and mouth, and from the wound itself. The wound itself is the seat of excruciating pain. After a short time nausea and vomiting, sometimes of blood, set in, and extreme prostration is felt; the breathing becomes slow and snoring, and paralysis, beginning in the legs, soon involves the entire body; death may occur within ten or fifteen hours, or recovery may follow, even in apparently the most desperate cases. The recovery, when it does occur, is very rapid, and the patient is soon well, though local inflammation and ulceration, or even mortification, may result. It is said on good medical authority that the seat of the original bite often becomes indurated periodically for a number of years after a person has recovered.

The first thing to do for snake bite is to prevent the poison from being absorbed. Tie a cord as tightly as possible around the limb and suck the wound after making several deep cross incisions through it with a sharp knife or cutting out the flesh for an inch all around it, if it is on a muscular part of the leg or arm where this can be done. Give an emetic, or if possible wash out the stomach by means of a tube.

Although whiskey is a popular remedy, there is no evidence that it has ever cured anyone. Some have recovered after having taken it and many have died in spite of—or because of—large doses of it. Spirits of ammonia is just as efficacious and less harmful. Artificial respiration should be tried when the paralysis involves the muscles of the chest. In recent years a curative antiserum has been made from serpent venom. Of course it can not be made at the time of the bite, but it can be carried in liquid or dry form by those who are obliged to tramp about in a snake-infested country.

In a certain case, where the charge was the theft of a watch, the evidence was conflicting. As the jury retired, the judge observed that he would be glad to help in adjusting any difficulties that might present themselves to the minds of the jury.

Eleven jurors filed out of the box. The man who remained wore an expression of extreme perplexity.

"Would you like to ask me a question?"

"Yes, Your Honor," replied the juror eagerly. "I'd be very glad if you'd tell me whether the prisoner really stole the watch."

**THE JOY-VENDER.**

(By Abbie Farwell Brown.)  
Giovanni Carbone, lame and old,  
Has a struggling bunch of balloons  
to hold;  
Balloons like giant, luscious grapes,  
With shiny skins and the roundest  
shapes.  
They dodge and tug to get away,  
Like children peevish of control.

Early and late the patient soul,  
Smiling and nodding, keeps his stand,  
On the corner where the breezes play,  
And the child parade goes by each day;  
For windmills whirl in his other hand,  
Petalled windmills of every hue  
Known to his native, opal land  
Busily, dizzily whir and whir,  
Making rosettes of rainbow blur  
Too bewildering to be true.  
Giovanni guards the corner well;  
A kindly wizard, ready to sell  
For a tiny bit of sordid money  
A gaudy joy, when the day is sunny.

Flimsy joys; just pretty toys,  
Fragile and futile anywhere;  
Except to little girls and boys  
Empty and meaningless as air!

How babies love the foolish things!  
Ridiculous short arms they reach,  
Point flower lips in lispish speech,  
Coaxing the wizard with wrinkled face  
To part with his treasure, the joys  
that have wings.

He is willing enough, for a nickle or  
two—  
And what is a nickle to me or you?  
He grins and nods with an artist's  
grace,  
Pleased at the children's gulleless  
pleasure.

With gentle fingers he ties the strings  
To avoid small bawsons; he thrusts a  
wand—  
A fairy wand—in a baby-hand,  
"Van bene!" Well they understand,  
And off they go to a Wonderland.

He loves his job, the queer old chap!  
Though little it brings of ease to him,  
Though ragged he goes and hungry  
mayhap,  
He would not change his lot, if he  
could.

With the grand Policeman strutting  
by,  
Who in his large pomposity,  
His uniform so bright and trim,  
Cannot make any day more glad,  
Pays no reward for being good;  
Only punishes those who are bad,  
Or do not act as the virtuous should.

Giovanni Carbone! No wonder you  
grin,  
With your burning eyes set in parch-  
ment skin,  
Purveyor of dreams for the innocent,  
Maker of laughter rather than pain,  
Vender of perfect, rounded content—  
I envy you again and again  
Your job and your bit of wonder  
money,  
And your breezy stand, when the day  
is sunny.

**WEDDINGS.**

Special to The Standard  
Hoggood-Atkinson  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9.—The marriage of Miss Hazel Edna Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Atkinson of this city, to Mr. Ralph G. Hoggood of the Royal Bank branch here took place this evening at six o'clock in Central Methodist Church, Rev. H. Johnson officiating in the absence of the regular pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Hoggood after their wedding trip in Upper Canada will reside in Halifax where Mr. Hoggood has been transferred.

**INDIGESTION**

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes Disordered Stomachs feel fine at once!

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**OBITUARY**

Mrs. Deborah Pitt  
The death of Mrs. Deborah Pitt, wife of the late Isaac W. Pitt, occurred at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wilmet T. Pitt, 54 Main street, early yesterday morning after a short illness. She was eighty-seven years of age and was well known in the city and throughout Kings county. Her former home was near Brown's Flat. She leaves one son, Frederick Pitt, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Edward Mitchell of Brown's Flat and Miss Miss Pitt Florida. The body will be taken to Brown's Flat tomorrow morning for burial.

Samuel Wm. Irons  
Special to The Standard  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9.—In the death of Samuel William Irons, formerly principal of Victoria School in this city, which occurred at his home here this morning, Moncton loses one of its prominent and most highly esteemed citizens.

Mr. Irons was born at Lower Hill, Charlotte county and came to Moncton more than thirty years ago to take a position on the Moncton School Staff. He retired from the principalship nearly three years ago. Deceased was sixty-four years old and is survived by his wife and two sons, L. G. Irons of the Park Union Victoria Bank Corporation, New York and R. B. Irons, accountant in the Royal Bank at Sackville. Deceased was an elder of St. John's Presbyterian church and a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

Far Chest Colds and Croup.  
Colds in the Back, Spasmodic Croup and any congestion, inflammation or pain caused from Colds, use GROVE'S O-Pen-Trade Salve. It Opens the Pores and Penetrates the Skin its Stimulating and Healing Effect soon gives relief. 50c per box. If your Druggist hasn't any, send 35c in postage stamps to Paris Medicine Company, 193 Spadina Ave., Toronto, and a full-size box will be mailed to you promptly.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN.  
Police officers are being placed on the corner of Duke and Sydney streets, as well as other school vicinities, to safeguard children when school is being dismissed.

To Prevent Influenza  
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**SNOWFLAKE SUPPER AND CANDY SALE**

Held Under Auspices of Y.P. S. of St. Matthew's Church Last Evening—Will Burn Church Mortgage on Monday.

A snowflake supper and candy pull was held under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Society of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church last evening. \$150 was realized which will be used to help pay off the mortgage on the church.

The various rooms were very cleverly decorated, the dining room presenting the appearance of a regular fall of snowflakes.

Miss Jennie Koth was the general convenor. The convenors of the tables were Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Leggett, and Mrs. Bradshaw assisted by the Mrs. Walker, Colwell, Scott, Nickerson, and the Misses Turner, MacNitt, Brown, Kehn and Murray. Mrs. McLeellan and Mrs. McLean poured. Fancy table Mrs. Carson and Adams. Candy table Miss Buret and Miss Madeline Daley. Ice cream table Miss L. Nickerson and Miss Myrtle Daley. Fish pond D. Magee and W. MacNutt.

A meeting will be held next Monday evening to burn the mortgage on the church.

**DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD**

Mrs. Thomas Walker Presided Last Evening—Address by Rev. Canon Kuhring—Interesting Letters Received

The meeting postponed from last Tuesday of the Diocesan Board of the W. A. was held last evening in St. John's (Stone) church. Mrs. Thomas Walker presided and an address on "The Faithfulness of God's Promises" was given by Rev. Canon Kuhring.

A number of letters from the branches were read thanking their representatives for reports. Several most interesting letters were received from missionaries, including one from Miss Peters, of Homan, China. Miss Rudel, of Japan wrote telling of being invited by the Governor of Osaka to speak before a number of his friends, explaining why she came to Japan. After this interview she was invited to go to the teachers schools and give moral and spiritual addresses, at which government officials were frequently present.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. D. Foster, gave a splendid description of the convention held at Hamilton, Ont., which she and Mrs. George F. Smith attended.



Now have you all the dressing for this Christmas feast?  
Here's many things for men and young men.  
Full dress evening suits, with correct shirts, collars, ties, gloves and muffler.  
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Ten different styles.  
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ALL DIAMONDS!  
WHY, THAT'S A HERE, TAKE THESE, YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO LAY! RAISE ON THAT.

THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY, MRS. IT'S A SHAME YOU AINT ALLOWED TO THINK WHAT YOU PLEASE!  
GO AHEAD, DO AS THE OLD MAN SAYS,— RAISE! WE AINT BOTHERED.

SAY, JIM— THIS IS LADIES NIGHT! DONT KEEP YOUR WIFE OUTA THE GAME! LET HER PLAY.

YEAH, — THIS IS A NICE HOW DO YOU DO! WE'RE BUCKIN' A SHARK AND HE'S PLAYIN' WITH TEN CARDS! I'D RATHER BE SURROUNDED BY BANDITS.

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