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PARAGRAPHS ON THE STRIKE

Farrington, Federationist and Free Press in World Alliance to Misrepresentation of Situation Here.

The coal situation remains a puzzle to the miners who may receive the gladdening news that more operators, after some months of sitting with their thinking caps on, have decided to follow the sensible lead of their competitors and recognize the honest principles of unionism. If anyone is to blame for holding back the citizens in a struggling state of financial embarrassment, it is undoubtedly the operators who show such a wanton and indifferent regard to the livelihood not only of the miners but also of other smaller businesses in the community whose prosperity depends upon the working of the mines.

The above appeared in the last issue of the Federationist duly and gratefully credited to the Free Press. It is truly refreshing to see these two organs in such brotherly alliance. The "Vancouver Villager" realizes it could not put it over the Western Fuel Company any harder than the local Cotton's and so it divides the honors.

The whole cause of the trouble is that the company refuses to recognize "the honest principles of trades unionism." Just recall the incidents connected with the calling and conduct of the strike here.

A labor day holiday was arranged for May first. The present leaders of the United Mine Workers of America took up a subscription for the sports arranged to be carried out during the day. The list was closed, and on the eve of the holiday the men of Nanaimo were ordered out on strike by a man in Seattle. Not all of the men were willing to be treated as helots and they arranged for a meeting of protest. The meeting was rendered abortive by tactics of disorder and then it was decided to take a ballot. At this juncture Foster came forward and plastered the town with dodgers informing all and sundry that "Ballot or no ballot" a strike was on and any man going to work would be branded a scab.

Is it according to the honest principles of trades unionism for one man to call a strike? Is it in accordance with the honest principles of trades unionism to stifle discussion and thwart opposition by tactics of disorder? Is it in accordance with the honest principles of trades unionism that the men composing the union should be refused a ballot on such a serious issue as a strike? It is also an axiom in reputable trades unionism that the strike is the last resort and never to be used until negotiations have been tried and failed and never unless sanctioned by an overwhelming majority of the men. It is also a first principle of trades unionism to respect agreements and no honest union would ever refuse operators an honest notice. Were any of these principles observed in the trouble in Nanaimo?

Today closes a busy week at the Cumberland mines, says Saturday's Cumberland Islander. Sixty men arrived from Ladysmith by special steamer on Sunday and have secured employment at the local mines. The streets of Cumberland are quiet, while No. 6 Mine which adjoins the city makes a record output of 420 tons in eight hours. No. 5 is also increasing her output, the latest being 30 tons for one day. The total output for all the mines on Thursday was 2109 tons. During the month some of the mines were closed down for hours at a time on account of accidents to machinery or from some other cause, yet the output for the month of August totals 59,212 tons which is a very creditable showing under present circumstances.

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THREW A ROCK, GOT 30 DAYS

Antoni-Pasqua Sentenced by Magistrate Simpson Yesterday was First Conviction in Recent Charges of Rioting.

Pasqua appeared for summary trial yesterday before Magistrate Simpson on a charge of assaulting Frank Green on Aug. 12th last, Maurice Francesi acting as interpreter. Frank Green sworn, stated he went to work on the morning of Aug. 12, at 6:30 a.m. Upon going to work met about sixty men witness being accompanied by Bob Seggie, witness was struck on the back of the neck by a rock but as to the identity of the man who threw the stone, witness did not know. Witness saw Harold Wallbank and Shirras.

Harold Wallbank, constable of the city of Nanaimo, said he recognized accused. Was on duty on corner of Haliburton street with Constable Shirras when two workmen, Frank Green and Bob Seggie came down the street. McEwen said "Come on boys." The crowd followed down and among the crowd was the accused. Close on to Haliburton street the accused raised his hand and threw a rock. Witness got closer to accused in order that if he attempted to throw any more witness could grab him. Witness heard Green say "Rocks and all coming mind," witness replying to Green "That's all right I saw who threw the rock." Accused was closer to Green than was witness.

In reply to Mr. Darling witness stated he did not see any person throwing rocks other than the accused. He believed there was only one rock thrown. Witness could easily identify accused by his features, but could not swear as to the clothing he wore on that day.

Constable Shirras testified to the effect he saw the accused on Aug. 12 on Farquhar street, in company with a number of other men was following two workmen accused bring about four feet from Green. Witness saw accused pick up a stone and throw it, the stone striking Green in the back of the neck. Witness charged the accused with the offence and laid hold of him whereupon another Italian ordered witness to let the accused go and fearing further trouble he let Pasqua go.

COAL OUTPUT STILL CLIMBS

Cumberland Mines Had Output of Over Fifty Thousand Tons for Month of August—Conditions Normal.



OFFICIALS WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR HARRY K. THAW'S RETURN TO ASYLUM.

The above photograph was taken at Sherbrooke, Que., and shows left to right: Sheriff Hornbeck, District Attorney Conger, of Dutchess County, New York and William Travers Jerome, who represented the State of New York at the two trials of Harry K. Thaw and who has been designated an assistant attorney general. The question has often been raised why not, now that the opportunity presents itself, let things run their own way, and leave Harry to do as he wishes. He has cost New York State hundreds of thousands and was bound to put the state to greater expense by his continued efforts to gain his liberty. His escape from Matteawan, therefore, solves the problem since it meant that the State would not have to put up with any more legal suits. But, a state, especially an empire state, has a sense of pride; therefore, it would not do for the state of New York the richest state in the Union, to let itself be outdone in the end by a very wealthy family. That is why New York state has on the scene of the coming battle four representatives, led by William Travers Jerome, the man who has successfully kept Thaw in Matteawan by his persistent efforts.

STREET CAR MEN SIGN AGREEMENT

Vancouver, Sept. 2.—At a conference between the management of the B. C. Electric Company and committees from the various unions concerned in the agreement covering wages and working conditions recently under consideration which was held this morning, the final details of the new agreement were settled and the document signed by both parties.

The agreement is to run for two years and covers the employees engaged in the operation of the company's railway department on both the mainland and the island. In announcing that the agreement had been signed, General Manager R. H. Sperling stated that the terms of the agreement were such as made it difficult for the company to fully assent to all the provisions. In the convenience of the public and for reasons of a similar nature, the company had accepted the agreement. Now that the company was bound by the new terms it would probably be necessary for its officials to find ways and means for increasing the revenues from its railway department in order that the additional financial obligations entailed by the new agreement might be met.

WERE WEDDED IN METHODIST PARSONAGE

Mr. August Laskie and Miss Alice Isherwood, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Isherwood, Milton street, were united in marriage yesterday morning at the Wallace St. Methodist Parsonage by the Rev. S. J. Thompson. Miss Grace Isherwood, sister of the bride officiated as bridesmaid, whilst Mr. Ed. Corcoran ably carried out the duties of best man. After the ceremony an elaborate wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents where numerous felicitous speeches were made, all breathing the best wishes for the future happiness of the newly wedded pair, who left by the morning's train for Victoria and the Sound cities on their honeymoon returning in a few weeks to take up their residence in Nanaimo. Betokening the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Laskie there were numerous and costly presents.

ALVIN PIERCY PASSED AWAY

Well Known Young Man of Courtenay Died in Local Hospital Last Night After Operation.

The death occurred in the Nanaimo hospital last night of Alvin Piercy, son of Mr. S. J. Piercy, a well known farmer of Courtenay. The deceased was brought into the city yesterday by auto suffering with an intestinal obstruction and was almost immediately operated upon, the young man passing away without having regained consciousness. The deceased was a native of Courtenay, aged 19 years and was most popular in the district where he resided. The remains now lie at Hilbert's Undertaking Parlors pending their removal on Thursday to Courtenay for burial.

London, Sept. 2.—General Felix Diaz proposes to arrive in Mexico before October 26, for which date the election for the presidency has been fixed. He leaves England tomorrow morning for the continent.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

The executive of the Nanaimo Industrial Development League met yesterday afternoon, the meeting being one of the most satisfactory ever held by the association. Satisfaction was expressed by all present at the good showing made by Commissioner Coleman since his entering upon the duties of his office. As the result of his labors a number of retiring farmers of the North-west have been induced to settle in this district and Nanaimo has received the advertising abroad which is sure to bring its results in the future, the locating of more industries here and the settlement of the thousands of acres of rich fruit growing lands adjacent to the city. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Dean returned home last evening from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Vancouver.

COMMITTED IN ASSAULT CASE

John Jackson Sent up for Trial Yesterday on Charge of Assaulting Constable Taylor.

John Jackson, former bartender of the Commercial Hotel, this city, was committed for trial yesterday by Magistrate Simpson on a charge of aggravated assault upon Provincial Constable Taylor on Aug. 13th last. Constable Harry Taylor, the victim of the assault, was the first witness called, Taylor repeating the evidence given by him at a previous court session, when Cowler, Hoy and four others were committed for trial for assault committed upon him. Witness could not identify accused Jackson as having struck him, nor could he swear that Jackson was one of the mob although his face was familiar.

In reply to Mr. Shuebotham witness stated that there were at least 500 people in the mob, the object being to drive all special police out of Nanaimo. Chief Constable Neen testified he was on the C. P. R. wharf on the afternoon of Aug. 13th from one o'clock up to the time the boat went out. Witness saw the assault upon Taylor, was inside the shed and upon coming out saw Taylor struck and saw accused John Jackson take hold of Taylor by the hair of the head. Witness had no doubt about the identity of Jackson for Jackson and witness exchanged glances. The object of the attack upon Taylor was that the crowd thought he was a special constable and they intended to drive him out.

In reply to Mr. Darling witness stated Jackson was not a miner at the present time being engaged as a bartender for the past six months. Witness did not see an Italian get hold of Taylor's hair but he was positive Jackson did. Witness did not remember stating previously that he saw Jackson striking or striking at Taylor but if the stenographers' notes so stated witness must have said so. Mr. Darling asked for the dismissal of the accused on the grounds that only one witness appeared against him, and that witness, Chief Neen, had contradicted himself making whatever evidence he had given, absolutely discreditable. Magistrate Simpson proceeded to commit the accused whereupon Mr. Darling informed the Court that he desired to put witness in the box. Magistrate Simpson stated counsel for the defence should have so stated before he (Simpson) had proceeded to charge the accused, and the Court would have to refuse the hearing of evidence for the defence.

John Jackson stated he desired to go down on the wharf to see a friend away to the Old Country. Jackson was accompanied by Mrs. Little. He was not connected whatever with the United Mine Workers and therefore took no part in the affair whatever. The accused was thereupon committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction; in the meantime accused to be confined in the county jail at Victoria.

EXTENSION RIOTERS IN COURT TODAY

Messrs. John Anderson, J. Angelo, W. Banner, W. Bowater jr., W. Bowater, sr., D. Paglori, S. Fairhurst, D. Gilmore, J. S. Greenwell, T. Greenwell, A. Greenwell, I. Greenwell, Rebt. Hamilton, Arthur Jordan, W. Moore, E. Morris, John Murdoch, G. Murray, Chris. Pattinson, N. Richardson, J. Sherwood, S. Sherwood, R. Struthers, Wm. Watson and J. Skivovsky were charged by Magistrate Simpson yesterday with meeting together in a riotous manner and doing damage to property at Ladysmith on Aug. 13th and 14th. The accused were formally charged and remanded until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. R. G. Patterson, foreman of the composing room of the Inland Sentinel, Kamloops, is in the city on a holiday trip. Mr. Patterson who is accompanied by his wife will leave for the Mainland today.

THE HEARING AT LADYSMITH

Charges of Rioting Were Withdrawn Yesterday Against John Bell and George Scott—May Conclude Today

Up-to-date charges of rioting have been withdrawn against seven men accused of taking part in the rioting at Ladysmith, five of the seven being released from custody on Saturday night last while John Bell and George Scott were discharged at the close of yesterday's session of the Court. With the evidence of two special constables the Crown rested its case at noon yesterday and before Court adjourned for the day ten witnesses had been heard, for the defence. Mrs. Axelson gave evidence on behalf of her husband and John Bell went on the stand in his own behalf, his evidence being supported by Mrs. Honeyman, Mrs. Langmead, Mrs. Bell and his son Charles. Andrew Gandino also went on the stand in his own defence, the accused stating he visited the station to inspect a car load of bricks he had contracted for. It was while going on this business that he saw the crowd and watched it for a short time. Alfred Kotilla informed the Court he visited the scene of the disturbance in the capacity of reporter for a Finnish newspaper and considered the charge against him should be withdrawn. George Scott was also of the opinion the charge against him should be withdrawn as he ran into the crowd while on his way to the wharf to repair the gasoline engine of his launch which had sprung a leak. When the Court adjourned for the day John Cella was on the stand telling how he came to be mixed up in the affair. It is expected the defence will complete its evidence today and the preliminary hearing brought to an end.

GOLDEN STATE LIMITED IS DERAILED
Floris, Ia., Sept. 2.—The Golden State Limited, south bound on the Rock Island Railroad, consisting of seven pullmans, was derailed early today near here. The entire train left the rails, but remained upright. No one was injured.

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YOUTH FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

E. Morris Committed for Trial on Charge of Attempted Murder of Percy John at Ladysmith.

The most serious charge laid in connection with the recent rioting in this district was made yesterday against E. Morris, an Extension youth who is charged with the attempted murder of Percy John at Ladysmith on August 13th last. Frank Beban, stable foreman at Ladysmith, stated he was at Extension on Aug. 13th when there was lots of trouble. There was lots of shooting and witness saw accused standing on the dump with a rifle in his hand. Witness saw accused fire two shots in the direction of the mine where Percy John and John John were standing. Were about 100 people in the first big mob, Morris being in the small crowd about 75 yards distant from witness when he commenced shooting. In reply to Mr. Darling witness stated had known accused about four years. Could not tell what color of clothing the accused wore. Accused was standing at the time he was doing the shooting. Witness did not try to stop the accused from shooting for he was afraid to do so. Strikers, breakers as well as strikers, were shooting, buckshot and bullets flying in every direction. Witness had seen accused carrying a gun last hunting season. Prov. Constable Hannay informed the court on Aug. 13th last he visited Extension, saw accused at the dump on the side next the Extension hotel. Witness saw the accused, armed with a rifle, near the Extension mine. Witness saw from 150 to 200 men armed, the majority of them going from Nanaimo for witness passed them on the road. The Nanaimo crowd before they made the final rush.

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