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FREE PRESS IN BAD MUDDLE

Local Evening Contemporary Gets so Badly Mixed Up That it Denies its Own Report.

necessary attempt to absolve itself of any charge of sensationalism in reports of the disturbance at Extension, makes another of the many bad breaks which it has irresponsibly blundered into during the strike. In a paragraph in its Passing Notes on the Situation, in Thursday's issue, it states that "reference was made at the trial yesterday of newspaper reports of the Extension riots and it is only fair to the press to observe that the news which was brought in by messenger was conveyed to the police. It will be remembered that the telephone wires were cut down that day, consequently communication was impossible with the disturbed district. The Free Press came out towards seven o'clock with the reassuring news that only one man had been wounded. The only bulletin posted in our window was that the medical men had returned and happily rumors of alleged fatalities had proved untrue."

As to the last statement The Herald representative has talked to several men who swear that they read a bulletin in the Free Press window stating that at one time six and another time ten men had been shot in the fighting in Extension. This, however, is by the way. A bulletin is posted up and torn down again and after the lapse of a few weeks it is rather hard to say what was posted and what was not. The reports in the newspaper itself are a different matter altogether. The disturbances took place on the thirteenth of August, and in the issue of that date the Free Press came out not with the reassuring news that only one man had been wounded, but with a three column head: Strike Situation Assumes Serious Aspect. Nine Men Shot at Extension Today. A perusal of the news shows that at one time six men were reported shot, then ten men, and in conclusion that word was brought into town at 6:30 that shooting had ceased. It would appear therefore that the Free Press came out on the night of the thirteenth all blood and thunder and that the reassuring news referred to must have been posted on a bulletin.

Of course the news was printed in all good faith and as the Free Press remarks was the only news available. There were no grounds for doubting the news brought in by messenger, and the only fear in town was that the casualties might be greatly increased. The funny thing is that in denying a bulletin the Free Press should deny itself and plunge into such an egregious blunder.

WILL PROBABLY WITHDRAW MILITIA

Victoria, Sept. 6.—The length of time which it may be necessary to keep the militia on the scene at Nanaimo and other strike centres, which has been agitating the public mind for some time, will be formally discussed today by the Hon. W. J. Bowser, Acting Premier; Colonel Hall, who has been in charge of the troops, and Superintendent Campbell of the Provincial Police.

This statement was given out yesterday by the Hon. W. J. Bowser, and in doing so he stated that things had now reached the condition where it was advisable to consider such a step, and to take it, if the general opinion of the other officials concerned appeared to concur in the withdrawal.

Hon. W. J. Bowser expressed his personal opinion on the matter, which was to the effect that by next week it would be possible to take the troops away entirely, and leave the preservation of law and order in the hands of the police force. The only question to be discussed refers to the date of withdrawal, each of the other officials being already of opinion that the time has about come for that step to be taken.

VICTORIA FEARS COAL FAMINE

Leading Coal Dealers of Victoria Have no Island Coal on Hand—Jingle Pot C at \$8.00 per Ton.

proached yesterday for an expression of their views with regard to the prospects for a fuel supply during the coming winter," says yesterday's Colonist.

"Stocks are no doubt low at the present time, say officials of the collieries, owing to the abnormal conditions through which the mines have been passing during the last few months, but there is no more likelihood of a fuel famine during the coming winter than there has been at any time during the last twenty years."

"We have not a ton of coal in our yards at present," said a director of J. E. Painter & Sons yesterday, "and though there has been a small increase in orders during the last few days we are not promising delivery of Island coal until the end of next week."

"We have no Island coal on hand at the present time," said the president of Kird & Company, "and although we are filling a number of orders for American coal we are making no immediate promise for delivery of Island coal under eight days."

"Our agents can get all the coal they need on demand," says W. L. Coulson, general manager of the Canadian Collieries, "and if there is any temporary shortage it is entirely due to abnormal local conditions, and the matter of supply and demand will right itself in a few days."

"Whatever may be the cause of the present shortage in the local yards, the amount now on hand in the city is practically negligible, whereas, at this time last year, there was not less than 10,000 tons ready for delivery in the bins of the local merchants."

"There is practically no Island lump coal in Victoria, although with the reopening of the Jingle Pot mine several scowloads are due to arrive next week. This coal is being quoted at \$8 per ton, with Island nut approximately \$1 cheaper. Of this latter there is a small stock on hand, and local dealers are making immediate delivery of this grade."

"During the past few weeks local merchants have scoured the markets across the line for a supply of coal from the Washington fields. According to the general report Seattle is at present using all the bituminous coal which is being mined in neighboring fields, and until the demand there slackens there is little prospect of many tons being shipped here for local consumption. The Issequah coal fields, in the same state, only produce a lignite coal, and although some hundreds of tons from this and similar formations have been imported, the fuel is said to be of such a low calorific that it is finding little favor with the local consumer."

PREPARING FOR THE LOCAL SHOW

Annual Exhibition of Nanaimo Agricultural Society Will Open September 16 and Continue Three Days.

Starting tomorrow morning the Agricultural Society will avail itself of the offer of the Industrial League and make the League offices their headquarters until the opening of the annual exhibition on September 16. From now until the show opens all information relative to the exhibition may be obtained at the offices of the Industrial League where Secretary Isherwood of the Agricultural Society or someone else in authority will be in attendance.

The show which opens on September 16 will run for three days and is expected to be one of the most successful yet given in Nanaimo. The entry list is said to be a large one, and judging by the class of entries



TWO LITTLE SAILOR PRINCES AND THEIR SISTER.

The three royal children of Spain, (1) the Prince of the Asturias and his apparent to the throne; (2) Don Jaime, the deaf and dumb baby prince, whom it was recently said Helen Keller, the famous American blind girl would go to Spain to teach, and (3) the Infanta Beatrice.

The two little princes love the water. Both would be sailor princes, as is evidenced by the costumes they wear. The photograph was taken at Santander Beach, near Madrid, where the children frequently go to walk, accompanied by their nurses who are shown in the picture. Whenever the three royal babies, seated along the beach, secret agents, secret police or military attaches to the royal household hover somewhere in the vicinity.

CAMINETTI TO BE SENTENCED WEDNESDAY

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—With the "white slavery" case against Harry I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti disposed of as a result of the conviction yesterday of Caminetti, the government turned its attention today to preparation for the trial next Wednesday of Diggs and his former attorney, Charles B. Harris, of Sacramento, on charges of attempted subornation of perjury in connection with the trial of Diggs.

The sentencing of Diggs and Caminetti for violation of the Mann White Slave Traffic Act in transporting Marsha Warrington and Lola Norris from Sacramento to Reno, Cal. has been fixed for Wednesday.

YOUTH SAVED HIM FROM GALLOWS

Salem, Ore., Sept. 6.—Gov. West late this afternoon commuted the sentence of Robert Morgan, 18 years old, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow morning for killing Virgie Hart, his sweetheart, in Clifton in October 1912, to life imprisonment.

This action closely followed a telegram saying: "We are not going to hang your boy," which was sent by the governor to Mrs. Edna Morgan, mother of the condemned youth, of Richmond, Ky.

"The youth of the boy and the many petitions and pleas that his life be spared were many reasons for commuting his sentence," said the governor tonight.

Morgan's hair has turned from a raven black to a light iron gray and he has grown two inches in stature during his imprisonment.

Morgan and the girl had been sweet hearts from childhood, and when he met her on the street in the company of another young man he killed her. He was a deserter from the United States navy.

Globe, Ariz., Sept. 6.—Knox Laird was convicted by a jury tonight in the second degree for the murder of Jose Perez at Miami on May 11. The Mexican was stoned to death. Testimony at the trial related a history of gang rule at the mining town, describing the night of Perez's death as a "night of terror."

Last year the show will be one well worth seeing. Last year's show was a revelation to thousands and if this year's exhibition is as praiseworthy the directors will have every reason to feel well satisfied with their efforts.

MR. COBURN ON THE SITUATION

Local Lumber Man in a Letter to the Colonist Points Out That Conditions are Still Satisfactory.

In yesterday's Colonist a letter appeared from Mr. J. W. Coburn, dealing with Mr. Shuebotham's account of the situation here as given out in an interview. The Colonist acknowledges the letter in a graceful editorial and both letter and editorial will be found interesting by Herald readers. They are as follows:

Sir,—In this morning's issue of your paper I note, in conversation between your correspondent and Mr. T. B. Shuebotham, in his remarks about the state of affairs in the strike region, he says: "Nanaimo is a mining centre pure and simple, the conditions there can be much better imagined than described," and he refers to the Chinese laundrymen even complaining.

With the greater proportion of Mr. Shuebotham's remarks I heartily agree, but with the above references he evidently has either been misinformed or has not taken the trouble to look into the conditions existing there.

In referring to the laundry question he evidently is not aware that there is an up-to-date steam laundry employing about forty girls and men in full operation; and in conversation with the president of the laundry yesterday, he stated that the strike had affected their business to the extent of about \$50 per month. The steam laundry may explain why the Chinese are complaining.

He has not taken into account that Nanaimo has yet a large payroll there are three lumber mills, and two lumber yards (five sources of supply) operating steadily and doing a fair amount of business considering the depressed times. The Canadian Explosives are working to their full capacity, employing a large number of men; two brick companies working to their capacity, and who are turning out the best quality of facing brick that can be secured on (Continued on page 2)

NON-UNION MEN IN OLD COUNTRY MINES

The Herald some time ago took exception to a statement in the Free Press which rather conveyed the impression that non-union men were unknown in the collieries of the Old Country. The Free Press replied by asking The Herald to name a single coal mining county in England which has been without its trades union during the last thirty years. The writer imagines this would have been rather an easy question to answer had proper data been available; but the point was an evasion of the issue in dispute, and not worth taking up. There is no check-off system in the Old Country, and is often half-pens in the midland and southern counties that a number of men refuse to join the union and within the last few years there has been serious trouble in Wales over this very question. Apropos of this, the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association at a recent meeting discussed the non-union grievance. The question is to be taken up by representatives of the union and of the coalowners' association.

SATURDAY'S BASEBALL

Northwestern: Tacoma 2, Vancouver 1. Seattle 2, Portland 6. Victoria 4, Spokane 6.

National: Brooklyn 2, New York 0. Boston 4-7, Philadelphia 1-2. Chicago 5, Cincinnati 3. Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2.

Coast: Portland 5, Oakland 2. Venice 1, San Francisco 0. Los Angeles 3, Sacramento 2.

American: Philadelphia 9, Boston 2. Washington 9, New York 1. St. Louis 4, Chicago 0. Cleveland 3, Detroit 1.

PASTOR AWAY OFF THE TRUTH

Methodist Minister of New Westminster Tells His Congregation Many Untruths About the Strike Situation.

"From what Rev. W. S. A. Cruz, pastor of the Sixth Avenue Methodist Church here says, there are two sides to the Nanaimo strike question and the public has heard only one of them. The reason of this he laid at the door of the press, or rather at the door of what he calls the subsidized press, which in telling of riots there called the miners aggressors, and slurred over the part the owners had taken."

"Mr. Cruz, always interested in labor questions, at the commencement of the late trouble, decided to investigate for himself, and, with a friend, spent two weeks in the trouble zone."

"Upon his return he preached a sermon and addressed the trades and labor council on what he saw."

"According to his words before that body, it was not for more pay that the men struck, but for improved, or at least, safe working conditions. He was told that it was the apparent disregard of the mine owners for the lives of their workmen that caused the whole trouble. He says that a fire boss in one of the mines had repeatedly reported the presence of dangerous gas in the pit, but the owners paid no attention, and when he protested, dismissed him."

"For publishing his case, he was blacklisted and could get employment in no other mine on the Island. The danger from gas continued, and the men finally refused to enter the shaft."

"All but half a dozen struck. These last were finally persuaded, with one exception, to leave. The man who stayed, the preacher was told, had been kindly spoken to, in fact a crowd of miners followed him to his house door attempting to argue him out of the stand he had taken."

"In response to this the lone worker had stooped to pick up a rock (Continued on page 2)

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER SCORES

3'g Scoring Was Feature of Many Games in First Division—Sunderland Defeated by Newcastle.

Following are today's league football results:

First Division

Blackburn Rovers 6, Liverpool 2; Bolton Wanderers 6, Oldham Athletic 2; Bradford City 0, Aston Villa 0; Chelsea 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3; Derby County 3, Sheffield United 5; Everton 2, Preston North End 0; Manchester City 1, Middlesbrough 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester United 2; West Bromwich Albion 1, Burnley 4.

Second Division

Birmingham 1, Bradford 2; Blackpool 2, Hull City 2; Bristol City 0, Stockport Town 0; Clapton Orient 1, Fulham 0; Grimsby Town 0, Notts County 0; Huddersfield Town 1, Bury 1; Leeds City 3, Glossop 0; Lincoln City 2, Barnsley 2; Notts Forest 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 3; Woolwich Arsenal 2, Leicester Fosse 1.

Southern League

Westham United 2, Swindon Town 2; Plymouth Argyle 2, Cardiff City 1; Southampton 2, Exeter City 0; Reading 3, Millwall Athletic 1; Crystal Palace 3, Portsmouth 1; Coventry City 2, Brighton 1; Watford 1, South End United 2; Norwich City 1, Northampton 1; Gillingham 1, Queens Park Rangers 0.

Scottish League

Rangers 5, Aberdeen 1; Queens 3, Kilmarnock 1; Hibernians 1, Celtic 2; Clyde 0, Raith Rovers 1; Falkirk 0, Hearts 0; Airdrieonians 0, Partick Thistle 0; St. Mirren 1, Third Lanark 2; Morton 4, Hamilton 2; Northwell 1, Dundee 0.

BOMBSHELL BY FARRINGTON

Strikers in Jail Described by Him as Fools Who Had Not Sense Enough to Keep Their Mouths Shut.

Vancouver, Sept. 5.—The radical element of the Trades and Labor Council were completely confounded, in fact, could scarcely credit themselves at all, when they listened at their meeting last night to a big square-shouldered, emphatic looking man who outlined to them the strike situation at Nanaimo and earnestly cautioned against any ill-advised action which might jeopardize the interests of those strikers whom it was intended to assist.

The speaker was Organizer Frank Farrington, the representative of the president of the United Mine Workers of America, former president of that organization—the man who called the strike on Vancouver Island and the one to whom the great army of strikers are intently looking to follow them to a successful conclusion in the fight now being waged against the Vancouver Island mine owners.

"I don't regard the men who are now under arrest for rioting at Nanaimo as martyrs at all," thundered Mr. Farrington, in reply to a caustic criticism of his actions which was made a few minutes before by a radically inclined member of the Trades and Labor Council. "I regard them as fools who had not sense enough to keep their mouths shut."

Those who advocated summary action watched with eyes fairly blazing as the speaker drove home his remarks by rapid-fire gesticulations of the "I-mean-what-I-say" kind.

"Now, some of these fellows think it is fine to get in the limelight," he continued, "they are anxious to get their names in the paper and be cheered as heroes, but as a matter of fact a man behind the bars is not doing very much to help the cause."

"It has been said that all of those who took an active interest in the strike have been arrested. I have not been arrested and I think probably I took quite an active part myself. I called the strike, and since it has been in progress I have been the one who has directed every move that has been made. I was not arrested because I kept my mouth shut and had all of the others done the same thing, no one would have been in jail now."

"However, if any one of you questions my belief in union principles I will point you to a record which can leave no doubt in anyone's mind as to where I stand. I am not afraid of jail. I can show you where I have been sentenced three different times for an aggregate of fifteen months because of my activity in behalf of union labor, but I found that I couldn't do very much while locked up in jail. My father was killed while attempting to organize mine workers and my brother had an arm shot off doing the same thing in Illinois. Have you any doubt as to where I stand?"

In regard to the status of affairs at Vancouver Island, Mr. Farrington said that the miners had been able to procure every concession that they had asked for except recognition of the United Mine Workers of America. This body, he stated, was responsible for the attempt to organize the miners; they were paying them \$15,000 per week for sustenance (Continued on page 4)

SHOE WORKERS' CONVENTION

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The United Shoe Workers of America, in convention here, voted today to move the national headquarters from Lynn, Mass., to Boston in January. A resolution was introduced providing for amalgamation with the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, the American Federation of Labor organization.

V. A. C. WON FIRST

At Vancouver yesterday the V.A.C. lacrosse team defeated the Armstrong twelve in the first game of the series for the Mann Cup by a score of 16 goals to 4.