

Frisco Cons'd Mining Co.

Operative reports, Dec. 17th, that Sam Cassidy was in Burke on Saturday and Sunday, and while there did his utmost to incite the agitators to open revolt. Most of the old timers are hoping that the new Manager will not be so hard as the late one, and they have heard that he wants to hire his own men.

Some of the men who are supposed to stop work at the mine at 6P.M. are down in the town by that time. The last cage load of men got off at the 800 level this P.M. at 1.10, and the timbermen and two machine men were sitting down between 4.30 and 5 P.M. At 5.10 most of the men who should go off at 5.30 were on the station of 1800, while Bigsbee left the stope at 4.20.

Marshall told the machine men to be sure to shoot their holes when going off, but the men say that they cannot set up and drill in a round and tear down one shift, if they have any bad luck.

Operative reports, Dec. 19th, that the saloon keepers, Dan Harrington and Couley are complaining that they get no business. Bradley is also complaining that the Frisco men are afraid to board at his house, in case on that account they should lose their work.

Balch claims that if there was a strike 75% of the men would side with the Union, but operative is not of that opinion.

X In a conversation among the men a timberman remarked that they would have to get out in 25 days, as Ed Boyce was going to run them out, but the rest of the miners did not agree with him. The men believe that if they lose their work here they could not get a job from Edmunston.

Jack One is anxious to get back to the Frisco; operative reports that he is not much of an agitator and he does not understand how he came to lose his permit. In operative's opinion Cassidy is the greatest agitator in Gem.

The first shots were fired at 5.25 P.M. Some of the men went on the top at 5.45 and remained there until the whistle was blown.

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