

Gem, Idaho. 12/31/00.

TOM HENEY has been advising caution among men, told them they should be very careful and not make any disturbance at this stage when there is so much to be depended on Gov. Hunt; also that the TIGER-POORMAN was going to hire their own men and this is keeping men in country. If things remain as they are there are a lot of men talking of leaving the country.

Some hot heads are advising getting out with guns and pick Edminston and Burbridge off; notably among this class are James Banfield, and Jack Powell working at ~~the~~ Hunter, and Henry Couley of Gem, Sam Cassidy, Tom Laughlin, and Mike Burns.

Ed. Boyce is a hero in most men's opinion whom operator has sounded on the subject, and they censure Mrs. Robinson called the "Dynamite Queen" for the way Ed. Boyce was portrayed in her song, which appeared in the Spokesman Review.

The closing down of gambling has deprived the worst element of Burke and Mullan of a means of support. In Mullan especially the gamblers were the worst agitators in the country.

Operator was told by a man by the name of Powell in Burke that there was to be two men paid \$25,000 by the Western Federation of Miners to come in here and do for the heads of this permit system.

Mr Burbridge - I have it from good authority that the W. F. of M. are sending men into the Coeur d'Alenes, but as I yet I am unable to learn for what purpose - (S)