

MULLAN, IDAHO, JAN. 1st, 1901.

Operator reports that he was in Mullan all day and that some of the miners quit work at the Morning Mine because they were afraid they would get their discharge and others complained that the water was doing them up and they were subject to Rheumatism &c. Operator will go to ~~Mullan~~ <sup>Wallace</sup> with a lot of discharged miners tonight. Operator, in company with about twenty-five miners, most of whom were here before the troubles, will go to ~~Mullan~~ <sup>Wallace</sup> tonight. In conversation with the majority of them they informed Operator that they could not get work as Edminsten would not give them a number in Wallace. Some of them say that the employment office will be discontinued in a few days, if not they will be compelled to leave the camp.

Operator met a former acquaintance named Curley who was the proprietor of a saloon in Mullan and in the conversation that followed Curley told Operator that he knew Crotty who had left the Couer d'Alenes sometime ago on account of the strike and who was also confined in the "Bull-pen" and made his escape but that he was now in this vicinity and that he Curley had been offered money to give him up but he had refused to do so as he said that Crotty belonged to some secret organization that would do away with all informers. Operative knew Crotty while in Cripple Creek and knew him later in the Couer d'Alenes as a dangerous man. Operative will try and locate Crotty as soon as possible.

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