

Mullan, Idaho, June 28, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That thus far he has been unable to locate John Elliott, Mike O'Grady and Pat Conway in Mullan, and from what Opr. can learn he is of the opinion that they have not been in Mullan for several days.

Opr. visited the Leslie Mine yesterday, and found that Elliott had been working there about three weeks ago.

Opr. found a good many old time Union men living in cabins along the line of the Northern Pacific Rail-road between Mullan and the Montana Divide, who claims to be chopping timbers for the Hunter, Snow Shoe, and other Mines.

Opr. is informed that on the night of June 26, 1901, some one took a shot at Deputy Graw with an Air Gun at Mullan, the bullet passed through his hair on the left side of his head and went through an inch board of a building just to the right of Deputy Graw.

In an interview with Al Putman X X of Mullan, he said that the 11 of July will soon be here and we will surely have some fun with the Deputies, and we are going to get some of them.

In an interview with W. J. Walker, Editor of the Freemans Labor Journal, of Spokane, Wash., he said that the Sheriff had sworn in a lot of tough Deputies and bad men who were going around as spies, with one hand on their guns and the other out for a graft, and at the first provocation Union men were clubbed or shot to death.

Walker said that the business men of the Coeur D' Alenes were complaining of hard times, and said that it was owing to the working men keeping all of their money for traveling expenses, as many of them wished to leave the country as soon as they got money enough to buy a ticket.

That the Miners considered the Coeur D' Alenes an unsafe place to live in, and that the Mine Owners were paying the Deputies Five hundred dollars for every Union man they killed, but the Union men would surely turn the tables soon and get some of the Deputies out of the way.

Wallace, Idaho, June 28, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he met W. Ferrell X (B. C.) and George Busy X (B. C.) and two Dagoes X (B. C.) in town Monday, these men came here with the expectation of going to work until Chas. Jones X (W) got hold of them and told them his version of the conditions here.

Ferrell told Opr. that if he went to Edmiston and he commenced to abuse the Union he would take a shot at him.

Ferrell and one of the Dagoes are going to Wardner looking for work.

In an interview with John McKinzie X (Butte) (who formerly worked on Morning Mine some months ago returned there to work on the 15th inst.) he said that there were a great many Union men working at the Morning Mine, and many more than when he worked there before, and that it was only a question of time when most of the men will belong to the Union.

In an interview with George Peters X X (M) he said that the Sheriff and his Deputies thought that they were the only people in the country that should live and have any privileges, and that they were probably all from "Missouri" and would have to be shown, but that there were plenty of men now in the Coeur D' Alenes that could and would show them.



Peters says that he has been around Kellogg for about a week and hears that the Union men are going to have a great time on the Union Decoration Day, and that there has been six or seven hundred dollars subscribed for the occasion, and that they are going to make it one to be remembered, and that the Dam Sheriff has no right to interfere, and the Sheriff and his Deputies had better look out for their scalps, as it was easy to let a row start and in the general mix up, no one could tell who did it, and that he did not believe that the majority of the business men in the Coeur D' Alene would believe the Deputies on oath, should they try to swear a mans life or liberties away.

Opr. visited Mullan but failed to locate John Elliott or Mike O'Grady, but found that most all of the old timers are out in the hills, and that about fifty of them are stopping at or near the Leslie Mine, and that only about thirty of them was working.

Opr. learned while at Mullan that Cass Mitchell X (supposed to be a Missourian) who lives alone in a Log Cabin above the Catholic Church never works, and always takes home all the old timers that come along and feeds them.

Opr. could not find any one who knew where Mitchell gets his money or his food to feed the men with.

Opr. observed Mitchell around the Swede Dance Hall all night until 1:20 A. M.

Gus Erickson Agent for the Minn. Building and Loan Ass'n, informed Opr. that the Union men knew that the Mine Owners gave the Deputies Five hundred dollars for each Old Time Union man they killed, and that if the Union men did not get rid of the Deputies no Union mans life would be safe, and that he did not propose to take any chances with any of them, and that if a Deputy made a break toward him he was going to kill him on the spot.

Chas. Ready( One of Pete Beniers witnesses in 16 to 1 Mine Suit ) told Opr. that Pete Reelhan had paid Runyan George \$250.00 to leave the country because he would not be bluffed in swearing what they wanted him to in the Mining Case, and that Benier was afraid if the Swedes got a hold of him, Finch and Campbell would get some damaging testimony against them, and that Russian George was now at Ft. Steel Wyoming.