

Burke, Idaho, June 30, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he did not work on the 29th inst., but visited Wallace where he met several Miners from the Tiger Poorman.

While in Wallace Opr. learned that preparation is being made to celebrate the 11th day of July by the Union Miners, and that about One Thousand Dollars has been raised for the purpose.

Secy Dunne of the Burke Union, asked Opr. to subscribe One Dollar to the fund. Opr. paid the same without asking any questions.

Every thing in connection with the matter seems to be done secretly, and from what Opr. can learn from Balch, Dunne, and others he is certain that some thing is going to happen on the 11th day of July or sooner, if the Union men can muster up sand enough to carry out their scheme.

Opr. believes from what he has heard that if the Union men make an effort at all, it will be done with the intention of killing the Sheriff and his Deputies.

Several Union Men have told Opr. that Ed. Boyce was expected to visit the Coeur D' Alenes in a few days.

Opr. finds that some of the leading Union men have no particular love for Boyce.

Opr. learned that a man by the name of Burkhardt was working at the Standard Mine, but after an investigation found that he was not the man supposed to have been sent in here by Ed. Boyce.

Opr. learns that Arthur Wallace is working near Mullan, but could not get the exact location.

Opr. observes that the Tin Horn Gamblers have left Burke during the last few days.

Wallace, Idaho, June 29, 1901.

Oprs. report:

That on the 27th inst. they visited the Leslie Mine, with Frank Everett, one of the owners.

Oprs. and Everett took along considerable whiskey for the Miners and some of the Miners got pretty full.

When the train reached Mullan Everett got off the train with John Sullivan X X X (W) and Hans Carlson X (Butte).

Frank Everett told Oprs. that there were thirteen men working at the Leslie Mine, but Oprs. could only locate eleven at dinner time.

Oprs. found Jim Mason X X (M), Larry Walsh X X (Butte), Pete Sullivan X X (M), George Shipman X X (B), Wesley Everett X X (M), also two men by the name of Everett and Towner, also two men by the name of Murphey and Connell.

Oprs. found that the tunnel was full of Muck and Water and there did not appear to be much work going on, Everett told Oprs. that if they would come back in a few days again he would have the Mine cleaned up so the vein could be seen.

From Frank Everett Oprs. learned that John Elliott X X X (Butte) had worked on the Leslie Mine four days about ten days ago, but did not know where he was now but supposed he was some where in the Coeur D' Alenes and would turn up in the right place.

While at Mullan Oprs. heard a great deal about an Air Gun, that is very powerful and noiseless.

Larry Dooley X X who runs a Saloon at Mullan told Oprs. that the reports concerning the gun were not much exaggerated, as he had seen one of the latest models and it was a good one, and it would kill a man one hundred feet away, Oprs. tried to draw Dooley out concerning the gun but could not continue the conversation and found no one else that seemed to know any thing about it.

James Lawley X X X (M) told Oprs. that in his opinion, that if Edmiston, the Sheriff and a few of the Deputies were killed the Union would get control here again, and that it would be no trouble to get the Sheriff and some of his Deputies, that the Sheriff drives to Mullan all alone, and that there are a number of good places to pick him off, and that if a few of the S- B- were killed the Mine Owners could not get Marshal Law declared on the strength of it.

Lawley also told Oprs. that Ed. Boyce would be in the Coeur D' Alenes on the first of the month, and that some thing was going to happen or he Boyce would never have abandoned his trip to Ireland.

Oprs. met Jim Morrison X X at Wallace who worked at Leslie Mine and after drinking with him he told Oprs. that he was going up towards Mullan to-night, but was not going back to the Leslie Mine for a week that the Union was going to have some fun with the Deputies and their Bosses soon, and while we were talking Foreman Wesley Everett came up and told Morrison to keep his mouth shut, and in the conversation that followed Everett said that he himself had no love for the Sheriff or his Deputies, but that he would rather see Edmiston and those over him get it than the Deputies as they were only the chief tools of the Co.

Everett abused Mr. Edmiston considerable in this conversation.

Wardner, Idaho, June 30, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he returned from his trip to the Leslie Mine, but did not succeed in finding or locating John Elliott, Bill Evans, or Burkhart.

While in Wallace Opr. met a man who is going under the name of Jack Harris, but whose right name is Houish, from what Opr. could learn he is of the opinion that this man is watching Sheriff Southerland, and Mr. Edmiston and is a bad one.

Opr. will return to Wallace and get in communication with Mr. Edmiston so that Houish and the others can be pointed out before the 4th of July.

Mr B- I don't think those fellows have courage enough to make a move, but it might be well for every body to be on their guard during July.
W. J. S.