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Opr. reports:

That Jim Eckland, Bert Ullman, Dave Cunningham, Jack Barnes, and Bill Barnes, arrived in Wardner to-day from Rossland B. C., these men come to the Coeur D' Alenes to look for employment, and are all Unionmen, and say that they intend to stay by the Union as long as they live.

Opr. told Jim Eckland that Union men didn't stand any chance here, and Eckland said that things will be different soon, that he had heard in Spokane, that the Coeur D' Alene Mining Cos., were going to reconsider things and put Union men to work, and that the Last Chance Mine, is going to close down after the 20th of this month, for some time, and when they start up will employ Union men.

Eckland told Opr. that John Elliott and O'Grady were up at Mullan at present, and that they would stay up there for awhile and see how Bill Evans was getting along, and if he needed any help in his work, they would notify Ed. Boyce at Butte, to send in another man.

At the Wardners Miners Union meeting May 11, 1901, there were fourteen men present, several communciation were read, by the Sec'y from the Miners Unions, and one being from Ed. Boyce of Butte, requesting the Sec'y to ask the members, of the Wardner Union to help as much as they could to find out who killed Fisher at Gem, he also stated in his letter, that the Butte Union, had sent into the Coeur D' Alenes, five men who were working all the time trying to locate the right man, and he also stated that the Butte Union had set aside \$5000.00 for these men, in case they got into trouble.

The Sec'y also read a letter from Joplin Mo., Miners Union, asking if the strike was over in the Coeur D' Alenes and asking if it was all O. K. for Unionmen to come there and go to work, the Sec'y was instructed to notify the Joplin Union that matters was not settled in the Coeur D' Alenes and to notify all members to keep away, as there is liable to be great trouble in the Coeur D' Alenes before next fall.

At the closing of the meeting, the Prest. and the Sec'y said to the members present, "Hunt down the man, who killed Fisher and we will do the rest."

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Opr. reports: that he went to Gem yesterday, and spent a large portion of the day, in Saloons, visiting with Union men, and with few exceptions Opr. finds them to be all emeies of the Sheriff and Deputies.

Opr. had a short interview with the McLaughlin Bros. who were in the Saloon at the time of the Fisher murder, but they were busy working, and Opr. was not able to draw them out, into a conversation, but will wait an opportunity and will do so later.

Opr. overheard A. W. Myers a Saloon-keeper at Gem say, that if they use their guns this summer, as they did last, they would run up against the real thing, for men were not going to be beaten over the head any longer for nothing, Myres was undoubtedly talking about some of the Deputies.

Opr. visited Mullan to-day and associated with Arthur Wallace, he said that he was going to Montana, in a few days, also that they were putting men on at the Morning Mine with out getting numbers, and that they were taking on any one that came along, and said that Young Larson had given it away.

The fact that the Morning Mine was putting on men without getting n umbers seemed to do Wallace a great deal of good, and he said that the trouble was not all over yet, Opr tried to draw him out as much as possible but found him consarvatives when certain points were reached, Opr. observed that they were watching all strangers in Mullan very closely.

Opr. learned that there were two cabins up the rail-road track about two miles from Mullan, Opr. visited the cabins but found them locked up.

Opr. learned that there were three or four men living there, and no-body knew what they were doing.

Opr. observed that there was something wrong in Mullan, as they watched every stranger coming into Mullan very closely, and seemed to get off by themselves and hold secret conversations, when there were four or five men to-gether, Opr. observed that there were a great many men, traveling between Wallace, Gem, and Burke for some reason or other.

Opr. observed that all Union Miners around Mullan are very careful what they say, and always keep their eyes on the Deputies.

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During May 14, Colo. Charlie and Pat Sullivan, were around town with Mike Donald X X X M-, and Tom Tucker, Tucker is the man who was around Mullan last spring, when one of the Deputies beat him over the head with a gun, in front of Curleys Saloon, Tucker is very bitter and says he is going to get even with them this time, it seems from what he says that he came into the Coeur D' Alenes last Nov. to get even with the Deputies, but some of the Union men persuaded him to leave town, and let the Deputies alone until the proper time come.

After Mike Donald and Tucker had had a long talk with James Murphey X G they went to Kellogg on the stage, and Sullivan and Charlie remained in town, and had an interview with Murphey, near the Catholic church for some thirty minutes, when they went to a varity show, and remained there and around the Dance Hall, until 1:15 A. M. when they went up Bank St. and out it across Placer Creek, and Opr. was unable to tell just what house they went into.

Opr. did not observe the men in Wallace until 11:30 A. M. 15th inst. later learned from Henry Anderson that they went to Burke or Gem on the N. P. Train, Opr. has observed for several days, that James Murphey and Nick Cooney are associating with men who are associating with the Deputies a good deal, and it occurs to Opr. that they are trying to learn something through the Deputies.

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Wallace, Idaho, May 16, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he was in Mullan during the 15th inst., the citizens and miners seem to be under the impression that the Mine Owners are going to hire their old men soon, and drop the Employment Plan, they all claim it will make times better, as it will give old timers a chance to go back in to the Mines.

Several old timers have informed Opr. that Edmiston, never forgot a face no matter how many times a man changed his name.

While in Wallace Opr. associated with Arthur Wallace considerable and during our conversation, he said that there was liable to something happen in a few days that would surprise the Deputies, he said that they had got the Deputies scared now, but they will have trouble of their own if those boys from Butte got in here among them,, he said that he learned while in Mont., that there were seven or eight of them coming in here soon but claimed that he did not know their names, but would make Opr. acquainted with them as they would want to know all the boys, that were all right, during the afternoon Wallace made Opr. acquainted with a man, called Anderson, during the conversation that followed with Anderson, he if ever there were any shooting done in Mullan, he would bet, there would be no Union men fall, as they would take no chances, he also said that there were to many Deputies here now, and that there were no chance to see them all to-gether.

He said that the Sheriff would get all that was coming to him, when the proper time comes, but we are not ready yet.