

Operative Reports.

That he met Pat Ryan XXBC and Jim Burns XXBC who came in town today. Both of these men are old timers here and were in the Bull Pen. Burns said that Edmiston starved him until he had to leave the country, but that he was back and independent of the bastard and was going to get even with him before he left the Coeur d'Alenes. Burns said he was going to work on the Summit mine and run a Diamond Drill for some Spokane contractor. He is carrying a 45 Colt revolver and had it on him all night.

Operative met Ed Cuff this morning at 2:34 A.M., Cuff told Operative that he was going to deliver an oration and should have been in bed earlier, but that two men had lost their nerve and he had to boost them up by talking to them as they had wanted to tank up on whiskey, and that it would not do; that whiskey and talking had been the ruination of the Union in the Coeur d'Alenes and that now was the best time for the Union to make an effort to free the country of some of them who had trampled the union under their feet; and that it was not possible to endure it any longer; that the union was too sacred a thing for a few hired toughs to trample in the dust; that it was a stain on the mahood of each and every union man in the country and he for one was not going to let it remain on his any longer; that he did not want any one to give him any chin music about what he was doing, but he would show how union men would do it.

Pat Corbet XXW who has been working on Montana Summit, and S.H. Mitchell, XXB came up at this time and took Cuff off to have a private talk with him. They went out Cedar Street and Operative went down Bank Street to First, and then down to Pine and lost track of them. Lee Jolly XXB working in the Tiger Poorman and Jim Hughes XXXB are both carrying guns on them and Jolly told Operative that he was going to get Findly on account of something Findly had done at Gem.