

Wallace, Idaho, January 21st, 1907.

Operative B. 114 reports that he spent his time at Mace and Burke since his last report. Operative rather thinks that the movements of the crowd here have rather fallen through. In association with the union men, and in speaking of the general condition of affairs, they are of the opinion that a strike will be in order in British Columbia and the Coeur d' Alenes in the Spring, when men get scarce. They base their belief on the said conspiracy of the M. O. A. to prosecute the Federation officers, and the extra high price of living and no increase in wages. The union men discussed freely the politics of the state, both Democratic and Republican are censured, nearly all the union men being socialists.

Operative has not talked with Bradley for some time back, and does not know what he is doing outside of laying around Burke.

Personally, I think the situation is good at the present time, and there is nothing to be feared just yet.

Operative has reported some things previously in strong terms that would be well to heed. It is Operative's belief that they are of two classes only. The "Missourians" are immune to the W. F. of M., and it is always a sure thing that the people from the other states are most all sympathizers, with the anarchistic tendencies of their organization. To keep the situation in hand reforms must be instituted and diplomacy in evidence. The present system was all right a few years ago, but if continued will surely result in serious trouble in the near future.