

BUNKER HILL & SULLIVAN M. & C. Co.

Wardner, Idaho. Aug. 9, 1900.

John Voightlander returned to Wardner to-day. Operative had an interview with him. This is what he said: "In less than a year there will be, in and around this camp, one of the greatest labor troubles ever seen. All the labor unions in the United States have thought of this trouble here in Wardner, and the more they think about it, the more they feel worked up about it. In Denver, Col., the Unions feel very bitter towards the mine managers of Coeur D'Alene, and the Governor of Idaho. As soon as the government takes these soldiers away, the trouble will commence. The union men in this camp are very secure. They used to hold meetings wherever they could, but they have not held any meetings here for six weeks. There are a few union men working in the mines in this camp, but they will not let themselves be known. They have their permits all right, and we are trying to make unionists of them, but the progress is slow, because these muckers think that, if they join a union, it will be impossible for them to get a job or to hold the one they have. But the day is near when all workmen will have to join unions, for these are getting stronger, and Labor will show Capital that the former must rule for a while."

Being asked by operative what he was doing, Voightlander replied that he was doing nothing except trying to do good to organized labor. He also stated that he had heard from Tompkins and from Kurntz, and he handed to the operative a letter from the former stating that he (Tompkins) and Kurntz are working on a ranch at Clinton, B.C. The letter was dated: Clinton, B.C. July 27, 1900. Voightlander said it was a shame to compel these boys to go away, but that they had to go or get into the hands of these damned "Boxers" around Wardner. He continued, saying: "The first thing I know, I will have to go also, for I cannot get any work here."

Operative has been told that there are union men in the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mines, but it is very difficult for him to find out who they are. Operative finds very few union men on the streets of Wardner. If any belong to the union, they are very careful to conceal

the fact. They talk very little, and are not disposed to speak about unions, although those who are working, say that they are ready to defend the miners and their property, any time there may be trouble.

Seattle, Wash. Aug. 13, 1900.