

No. 24 reports:

Wardner, Idaho, Sunday, Jan 21st, 1906

I continue to apply for work daily, but have not as yet succeeded in getting a job.

Last evening I made a tour of the saloons of the town and found some gambling going on among the men who are working for the company. There was also considerable drinking on the part of the men, but they were very orderly.

Several of the men were discussing the new orders that have recently been issued at the Last Chance mine, and some of the men stated that they thought it was about as bad at the mine as it is in Russia.

During the day I overheard a conversation between a man by the name of Doyle, Geo. Stefiss, a timberman at the Last Chance, and a skip tender at that mine whose name I did not learn. These men were talking about a new order that they stated had recently gone into effect at the mine, which prohibited the men from heating their coffee underground. These men also stated that the shift boss, Bishop, was enforcing all rules to the limit and that he is becoming very unpopular among the men. These men stated that if this shift boss kept on at his present rate that before long there would not be a man in the camp who would work for him.

This feeling against the Last Chance mine is regular on the part of the men in the camp, nearly all of them stating that the mine is a very poor place in which to work.

This man Stefiss has been in the camp for three years, and tells me that he has worked in both the mines, and that the conditions in the Bunker Hill & Sullivan are far better than in the Last Chance.

Yours respectfully,

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Reported,
Spokane, Jan 24th, 1906.