

# FELL INTO A SHAFT

THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF A MINER IN NORTH MOCCASIN.  
ALL NIGHT IN A DARK HOLE

Michael Mitchell Suffered Intensely From Cold and Snow — He Tells a Graphic Story of His Attempts to Rescue Himself.

Michael Mitchell, a miner of this city, fell to the bottom of a 30-foot shaft in the North Moccasin mining district of Fergus county last Wednesday and remained there all night.

Mitchell had been over to Fine Gold gulch on a tour of inspection and it was nearly dark before he started on the return trip to Kendall, several miles distant. On the way back he attempted to find some location notices posted on claims.

He walked up to one shaft that had a dump. On top of the dump was a post that had a tin can on top of it. In the can was a notice and Mitchell climbed up and attempted to read the notice. While thus engaged the dirt beneath his feet gave way and before he could recover his equilibrium he was precipitated into the shaft. As he slid into the opening he grabbed a piece of lagging at the mouth, but it gave way and he went to the bottom. Fortunately he fell into the hole feet first.

**Snow Prevents Injury.**

There was a lot of snow in the bottom, which made the landing more easy than it might have been otherwise. In the descent, however, Mitchell's right foot struck a projecting timber and his ankle was sprained.

The man soon realized his perilous position and endeavored to climb out of it but his injured ankle handicapped him to such an extent that he could not make it.

About 7 o'clock the next morning John Corkin passed close to the shaft en route to a claim he was prospecting and heard a call for help. He knew not whence the sound came, but stopped and listened a minute. Then he proceeded on his way, but before he had gone far he heard the call again. He searched the vicinity and just as he was about to give it up Mitchell called a third time and Corkin found him. In half an hour he had Mitchell on the surface, but Mitchell was more dead than alive. He was taken to Lewistown and is said to be very sick as a result of his experience in the shaft.

**Tells His Experience.**

In describing the experience Mitchell says:

"After repeated efforts to save myself,

# TO KEEP MURRAY AWAY.

County Attorney Breen has announced that he will not dismiss the case of robbery against James Murray, one of the Dublin gulch Murrays, who fled the state to escape prosecution. Mr. Breen says that if the charge will serve to prevent Murray from returning here it will answer the best of purposes, and that he will surely prosecute if the latter returns.

Matt Kleiy is the man who made the complaint against Murray, and he desires the charge dismissed, having been won over by the other Murrays, but the county attorney disregards him.

and exhausting all my strength in the fruitless struggle, I began to shout for help. I called at the top of my voice and kept it up until I was hoarse and well nigh exhausted.

"As the night wore on it became very cold. I was in snow to my knees, and my feet were sopping wet. As the long hours of the night wore on I would at times feel that perhaps it was to be my fate to die alone in that hole. The thought was maddening, and I would summon all my strength and shout and renew the struggle to escape.

**Cold Was Intense.**

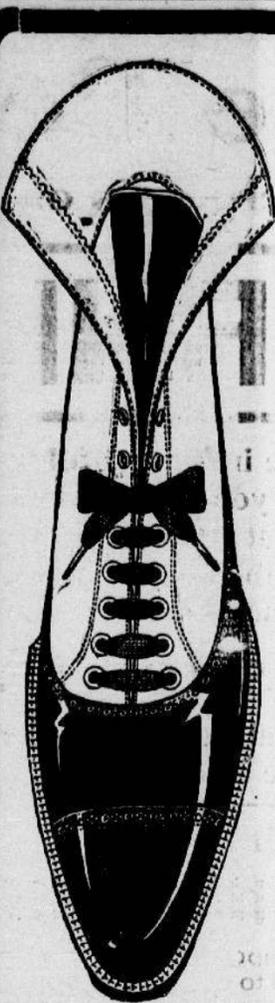
"To keep from freezing was no easy thing. For a time snow began falling in the shaft, making my clothing wet and adding to my misery. I do not remember a tenth of what I thought about—it is such a nightmare to me. At last, after a century of time, a streak of daylight came, and with it the hope of rescue. By this time I was chilled to the very marrow. When my cries brought to the shaft the man who rescued me I could scarcely believe my own eyes and ears. When I first saw the form of a man at the top of the shaft I thought it might be my brain had given way and I was becoming insane. But the reality was speedily made apparent and I was soon on top."

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# Vandals Invade Chinese Temple.



CHINESE JOSS HOUSE, NO. 17 WEST GALENA STREET.

Three gods were permanently retired from business when a man whose brain was filled with devils broke into the Chinese joss house at an early hour this morning.

Two prayer rugs were desecrated, and even the image of Buddha had large and powerful and profane hands placed upon it.

That the sacrilegious person is not prepared for the "dry warped cemetery" of which Mary MacLane has written is because the Chinese do not know him. All the Tong in town are at a white heat; all the One Lung, Sam Hops and Quongs are, figuratively speaking, in arms, and woe betide the man who has desecrated the sacred precincts of the joss house if he is caught.

If there be answers to the prayers of Chinese; if there be efficacy in burned joss sticks and ashes and sacred perfumes and verbal maledictions, then the man will be more dry and warped than any cemetery in Butte or in the entire state of Montana, for that matter.

When the man broke into the joss house is not known. However, the broken gods and the prayer rugs thrown over chairs, and the fact that the image of Buddha was moved this morning, demonstrated that during the night someone had been in the house. It is certain that no Chinese in town would have done it, and it is reasoned that only a white man, with his brain fired by the devil, would have committed the act.

Armed with a Malayan crease one-eyed Mongolian stalked the streets of Chinatown this morning. In his beady, snake-like eye was the glint of hate. There was no necessity of asking for whom he searched. A word or a hint that any chance passer-by was the creator of the joss house would have been sufficient for the old man to have swung his implement of war and transferred the stranger from the streets of Butte to the streets of the New Jerusalem.

Never in all the history of the Chinese of Butte before has anyone dared to violate the joss house. In that temple white people have only been admitted under guard of some priest.

Dilapidated is the building; tottering with age, like the old man with the Malayan crease, it is sacred in the eyes of every Chinese in Butte. Within its walls all animosities are buried while the Oriental prays before his gods for his friends and for those in China. It may be that he will return to the street and change the price of his laundry ticket; it may be that he will scheme in some way to woo the dollar from the white man "in tricks that are vain and peculiar," but before the altar he is devotion and purity personified.

Police men taking in Chinatown were not told of the desecration; Chinese denied that the joss house had been entered by a sacrilegious person, but nevertheless it was.

Meanwhile burned incense and pyrotechnics and offerings are laid upon the altar and chattered and prayers go forth, aimed at the man who ruined three gods and otherwise set out of gear the working of the joss.

# LABOR PRINCIPLES

CONVENTION WILL PROBABLY MAKE DECLARATION.

MAY CHANGE SOME LAWS

Western Labor Union May Reduce Per Capita Tax for Women and Juniors — General Gossip of Interest to the Wage Earner.

There is a general feeling among those most interested in the Western labor movement that the coming convention at Denver will adopt a straightforward and decisive platform and declaration of principles along advanced industrial and political lines.

Members of the Western Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners appear more determined than ever to make the Western labor movement the advance line of independent and progressive labor organization. What is demanded now is a platform of high principles, and then a straightforward and determined fight all along the line for their achievements.

## Some New Unions.

Theatrical Stage Employees' union of Cripple Creek, United Labor union of Kendall, Mont.; Hack, Cab & Transfer Drivers' union of Spokane, United Labor union of Clondroft, New Mexico, and the Musicians' Protective union of Ouray, Colorado, have recently been chartered by the Western Labor Union. The working people of the West are being more rapidly organized at present than ever before.

President McDonald returned Thursday from Flathead county after a visit of several weeks in the interest of the unions of that district. At Kallispell a public meeting was held in the opera house, at which Mr. McDonald addressed more than 2,000 people. Considerable interest is being manifested in unionism by the working people of Northwestern Montana, and the unions in that part of the state are rapidly increasing in membership and influence.

## May Change Laws.

Considerable agitation is being carried on for a proposed change in the laws of the Western Labor union, reducing the per capita tax for women and junior members of the organization. Many believe that five cents per month would be about the right tax for women and juniors. It is likely that this proposed change will come before the convention in the form of an amendment to the constitution.

The fight against the Chinese is being taken up by the unions of Butte with renewed vigor and a determination that it shall not cease this time so long as one Chinaman remains to do the work that should be done by white labor.

## Spokane's Big Union.

Spokane Laundry Workers' union, No. 214, W. L. U., although only three months old, is the second largest union in Spokane, with more than 200 members in good standing.

Salmon Federal Labor union, No. 230,

organized in March at Salmon City, Idaho, also boasts of more than 200 members and is rapidly increasing in membership. This union will be represented in the Western Labor union convention next month.

Mill & Smeltermen's union, Workmen's union, Carpenters' union and Musicians' union have connected a movement that may result in the building of a labor temple in this city.

The proposition advanced is for the unions to subscribe \$500 to the amount of about \$80,000, erect a magnificent building of four or five stories with stores for rent on the ground floor, and halls, meeting places and offices on the upper floors. The basement would be made with a view of installing a complete newspaper and printing plant some time in the future.

## DETECTIVE MURPHY HAD CAUSE FOR AN ASSAULT



WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Business Manager Carpenters' Union

On March 26 two men accosted one of the denizens of the lower district, told her they were Detective Murphy and his assistant and had come to collect her spare change. The woman reported the matter to police headquarters and Detective Murphy arrested Hicks and Ellward. The complainant identified them as Craig and Johnson, but afterwards changed them to Hicks and Ellward.

Chief Reynolds told the police commission yesterday he had the pair confronted by the woman and Mr. Murphy and that the woman had identified the men as the guilty pair. Murphy was promptly exonerated of the charge of slapping the men while they were under arrest, the commissioners saying he had just provoked.

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