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ARTICLES AND NEWS OF NOTE

The Home Line

Unions representing CP Rail workers issue notice of strike action

The unions representing train operators and signalling workers at Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. have served the company with notice of a strike action.
https://www.ctvnews.ca/business/unions-representing-cp-rail-workers-issue-notice-of-strike-action-1.3946777

TransLink has a backup plan ready to roll in case Canadian Pacific Railway workers go on strike next week and West Coast Express commuter rail service is affected.
http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/backup-plan-in-place-for-west-coast-express-in-case-of-cp-rail-strike

CUPE BC establishes fund to support CUPE members affected by flooding

https://www.cupe.bc.ca/cupe_bc_establishes_fund_to_support_cupe_members_affected_by_flooding

Union turns Mount Polley lockout into a strike

The union at Mount Polley Mine is turning Wednesday morning's three-hour lockout into a strike.
https://www.wltribune.com/news/mount-polley-lockout-an-effort-to-speed-up-negotations-company-said/

A legal picket line remains up at the Likely Road and Bootjack Road as unionized Mount Polley workers continue their second day of strike action.
https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/75859/picket-lines-set-up-at-mount-polley/

It ain't broke, and privatization doesn't fix anything anyway

Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) sees a 1.8% profit margin on revenues at Canada Post as great news: modestly better than break-even, with some extra cash to reinvest in the service
https://www.cupw.ca/en/campaign/resources/it-ain%E2%80%99t-broke-and-privatization-doesn%E2%80%99t-fix-anything-anyway

Unions and Inequality Over the Twentieth Century: New Evidence from Survey Data

A groundbreaking new study confirms that unions help fight economic inequality
https://onlabor.org/todays-news-commentary-may-25-2018/
http://www.nber.org/papers/w24587

Labour laws in 104 countries reserve some jobs for men only

EVEN as rich countries seek to rid workplaces of subtle gender bias, in many developing ones discrimination remains overt.
https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2018/05/26/labour-laws-in-104-countries-reserve-some-jobs-for-men-only