

MINES AND MINING

The Evening Star Begins the Shipment of Ore.

THE BIG VELVET LEDGE

It Is Nearly 30 Feet Wide in the South Ledge and Has Not Yet Been Fully Crosscut—The Plant for the Yellowstone Property.

Jerome L. Drumheller of Spokane, was one of the passengers upon the belated Spokane train yesterday. Mr. Drumheller is the general manager of the Evening Star Mining company, operating the well-known property of that name on the north-western slope of Monte Cristo mountain, and his visit to Rossland at the present time is in connection with the mine, to commence and continue systematic shipping. Two carloads of ore were shipped to the Trail smelter on Wednesday last, containing about 36 tons. The ore sent was taken directly from the dump and not being sorted, but it is expected that the shipment will show about \$20 to the ton. The road from the mine to the switch on the Columbia & Western railway, on the upper tunnel, has been such a bad condition that the teamsters demanded \$1.50 per ton for taking the ore down, 50 cents per ton being the usual rate asked. Under these circumstances, the Evening Star management has decided to wait until the road is in proper shape before continuing shipping. The lower tunnel of the Evening Star is now in 340 feet and a drift was run for 70 feet. Half way along the drift an upraise is being made and the new shaft is being sunk to the upper tunnel. It is from this upraise that the ore now shipped is being taken. It is the intention of the management to start sinking from the upper tunnel to meet the upraise and obtain proper ventilation for the property. When this done the force at work will be considerably increased and it is stated that the Evening Star will be placed upon the list of permanent shipping properties. Mr. Drumheller states that in this ore there is an ore body averaging three and a half to four feet in width of shipping grade.

THE REPUBLIC MINE.

It Has Declared Its Fifth Dividend of \$30,000.

The Republic mine has declared a dividend of \$30,000 payable April 15th. This will make the fifth dividend of \$30,000 up the total dividends to date of \$150,000. The new Republic company is capitalized for \$3,000,000 and the dividend will, therefore, be one cent per share. The old company was capitalized for \$1,000,000, and each of the old shareholders received three shares in the new company for one in the old. The last dividend paid by the Republic was in January. Since that time the redemption of shares has been considerable extent by frozen water pipes. This, together with delays experienced in the delivery of machinery, prevented the reduction of the dividend as a consequence. Patrick Clark of Spokane on Thursday for Montreal, where he will establish a transfer office for the Republic company for the convenience of Canadian shareholders, who now own a large number of the shares of the company, and it is expected that they will own a great many more.

A BIG DAY'S SHIPMENT.

The Northport Smelter Has Started Up. On Thursday there was shipped from the Le Roi mine 462 tons of ore and during the week to date there have been shipped 2,145 tons, so that, as the smelting will be in full operation, Furnace No. 1 at the Northport smelter was blown in at 1 o'clock on Thursday and No. 2 will probably be blown in today, and it is likely that the two furnaces will now run steadily along after the two months' shut down without interruption for a long time. Just now the main difficulty in the management of the Le Roi mine is that with its not less than 100 cars of dump cars to convey the ore to the smelter. This will adjust itself in time and then it will be a neck and neck race between the War Eagle and the Le Roi which will ship the most every day.

Will Install the Machinery.

E. N. Aldrich returned yesterday from a visit to Salmon where he secured a contract to transport and erect the plant for the Yellowstone property. This consists of a four-drill compressor, a hoist, and three machine drills. The contract includes the hauling of the machinery to the property on toboggans. There is some 40,000 pounds of it and it is quite a task to get it to the site. The installation of the machinery and then to crowd the development work, as the Yellowstone is considered to be a valuable property.

The B. A. C. Purchase Hose.

The British American Corporation, Limited, has placed an order with the Gutta Percha & Rubber Manufacturing Company of Toronto for 1,000 feet of 2 1/2-inch Eureka cotton rubber-lined fire hose, coupled complete, and which is for general fire protection use around the offices and the buildings at the Le Roi mine. This speaks well for the popularity of the Gutta Percha & Rubber Manufacturing Company's fire hose. The order was made through their British Columbia representative, A. G. McKenney.

Velvet Ledge Widening.

The new 60-horse power boiler recently installed on the Velvet mine, on Sophie mountain, was used for the first time on Monday, and one of the new steam drills has begun operations. It is doing first class work. Superintendent Morrish came in from Sophie mountain yesterday and reported that the crosscutting was still in progress in the south drift. The ledge has been crosscut for a distance of nearly 30 feet and has not yet been fully cut through. The showing is a most gratifying one, and the management is pleased with the outlook.

IRON MASK VS. CENTRE STAR.

The Trial of This Famous Case Adjourned to April 17th.

The much-looked-for trial between the Iron Mask and Centre Star, which had been set down for hearing for tomorrow week, has been postponed until Monday, the 17th of April, by consent of all concerned. The Iron Mask people desire to have the issue tried by a jury, and the defendants object to this. On a motion recently made before Mr. Justice Martin at Victoria, His Lordship decided in favor of the defendants' contention, and refused a jury. The plaintiffs have appealed to the full court from this finding, and the adjournment in question is to allow this appeal to be heard and disposed of.

Mr. Park is Appointed.

Thomas Parker has been appointed the Rossland agent of the Birkbeck Investment company, one of the large loan companies with its headquarters in Toronto, and is prepared now to receive applications for loans on real estate mortgage securities.

GRADING THE STREETS

The Work is in Progress on the Republic Thoroughfares.

A Three-Compartment Shaft is Being Made on the Ben Hur—Other Notes of Interest.

Republic, Wash., March 25.—[Special.] The street grading is going along finely, sinkers are busy, and the unequal places are being leveled up. They are also burning under the stumps and rooting them up.

E. Hedges and S. L. McMillan have arrived from the south half, after wintering at the head of Gold creek, about 23 miles in a southerly direction from Republic, and about three miles east of the Davis camp. They have sunk an incline shaft on the Wasco to a depth of 40 feet on the ledge. There is three feet of ore in the bottom of the shaft. The ore carries copper, lead, gold and silver. Sinking will be continued, and when a certain depth is attained they will drift on the ledge. The surface assays were very high and the ore looks better now.

The Josephine has a shaft of 43 feet, and a drift of 30 feet, which cut a fine ledge of very promising quartz five feet wide. The ground extending north 20 feet. The ground extending north 20 feet. The ground extending north 20 feet.

The presence of "Tommy Ryan here will have the effect of starting development on some promising properties, including the Iron Mask, Copper Bell, Surprise and Pearl. The surface showings of all the claims are good and they lie along that rich belt which includes the Blacktail, Lone Pine, Sam Poil and others. Some attention has been attracted to the Good Luck, on Copper mountain, by the news of the recent strike there. Some of the assays runs very high. The average assay of the ore is probably very good. It is stated that the crosscut had penetrated the ore body 11 feet, with no indications of a wall.

A second machine drill has been started on the Mountain. The first drill was kept running all week on the crosscut tunnel, which will be continued beyond the ore body already cut, intending to find the second vein which shows such a large outcrop on the surface. Everything in and around the Lion is going smoothly.

President Darmer of the Ben Hur company, is here, and in company with Messrs. Woodhouse and Wells took a trip to the best point for sinking a shaft, and the point being selected, it has been decided to sink a three-compartment shaft, to be cut down from 300 to 500 feet. Two of the compartments are to be five feet by four between timbers, and the other is to be four feet by five. The Ben Hur has sufficient timber to just keep the new shaft, and is simply carrying out legitimate mining.

THE NEWS OF REPUBLIC

The Theory of the Flag Hill People as to Their Claim.

Progress of the Work on the Admiral Dewey—Forty-Dollar Ore in the Lone Pine Drift.

Republic, March 30.—[Special.]—An open crosscut is now being run on the Flag Hill to define the Morning Glory ledge, which cuts the formation, running through the El Caliph, Mark Tapely and Flag Hill claims. The Flag Hill people are still doing the work on the north and south ledge. In fact almost the entire work done heretofore on the Flag Hill, with its four ledges, has been in the nature of exploration, and some wonderingly they seem to have a theory that the theory of the management is that these small but very rich veins will consolidate into the main and rich ledge, and it is almost certain that a great deal of work will be developed in that remarkably rich belt.

R. B. Curry has bonded the Hedges group, on Gold creek, about 24 miles from Republic, on the south half. The claims are in the same vicinity where the rich strikes have recently been reported. The new shaft on the Iron Ledge, on the Admiral Dewey group, is down 15 feet. The bottom of the shaft is all in ore; mostly gold, with some copper. The shaft will be sunk to a depth of 75 or 100 feet before crosscutting, depending upon the value of the ore, which assays very good at present. The surface ledge is unusually wide.

The Mountaineer Gold Mining and Milling properties at Toraro are looking better than ever. The company is working fine men, driving the tunnel with all possible speed. They are also sinking a mine at the end of the 175-foot tunnel. This will be sunk 100 feet—at the same time drifting will be continued on the present tunnel. The crosscut was run 8 feet from the tunnel before the hanging wall was encountered, when the contact was found to be as perfect and free as could be desired, and the company is commencing development on the ledge. The assays taken by General Manager Darrow on March 28th were most satisfactory. The general average taken from 50 tons of rock ran \$2.40 above the face of the tunnel, and \$2.20 through 15 feet of paystreak in the ledge; a general average of roof giving \$4.1. All of the above assays were from large samples taken all over the ledge, and quartz was found in the ore. The talk in contact on the hanging wall ran \$5.40.

Manager Darrow, representing the same Minneapolis company, yesterday bonded the Sam Quick and Kit Carson from Messrs. McCormick, Linney and Richardson, of Toronto. The property is located in the east part of Toraro creek. The consideration was \$5,000 cash, and \$1,000 worth of work to be done immediately. The full price is not stated. The showing is similar to the Sheruan camp mines.

The Flying Cloud, located about a quarter of a mile east of Republic, was sold yesterday by J. J. Watson. A tunnel has been run on the ledge, which is 8 feet wide, and runs \$3. The new owners will commence development on the ledge. E. J. Roberts and P. J. Brophy are running the Republic mines. In the crosscut at a depth of 70 feet in the Snow Drop, 8 feet of clean ore was encountered, running \$16.54 per ton in gold. This, from an average sample taken across the ledge. The foot-wall has not as yet been encountered. Superintendent Cleary will start a drift from this point, following the ore chute.

We have mule packs and horse packs coming here from Kettle Falls, but the principal need of the camp is men with money to develop the mines, or money enough to carry them through a season. The labor market is amply filled at present.

Republic, Wash., March 29.—[Delayed in transmission.]—A commendable piece of work is being done by Messrs. Woodhouse and Wells, of the Upper Townsite company, in grading Clark avenue. The work is thorough.

the Lone Pine, are averaging very high. On the Independence, in Cody camp, at a depth of 8 feet, the bottom of the shaft assays \$8.65.

The shaft on the Laura Doone is now down 60 feet, with a drift of 30 feet. The ledge is very wide, and assays as high as \$18. The whim is now at Marcus, and after the camp. When it arrives the shaft will be sunk an additional 100 feet, as the treasury being ample. A shaft is down 14 feet on the Le Marion, which carries a strong ledge, and assays between \$6 and \$7. There is considerable development work going on in the camp, and the owners seem satisfied with their properties.

H. L. Percy, the well known broker, and chairman of the county commission, leaves in the morning for a business trip to Spokane and other points.

The Gold Ledge, two miles east of town, is showing the possibilities of making a good mine. They have a large body of gold which runs well in gold.

Half a dozen parties from Sheridan have been in town several days, and have returned to the camp with ample gold and silver. Intention is to start work generally by April 1st.

Work has been started on the Justice, which adjoins the Bryan and Sewell on the north. A shaft is being sunk on the ledge, which is two feet wide, with fair assays. Three veins run through the claim, and it is thought they will consolidate at a depth of about 100 feet. The contract for the Alameda Gold Mining company's property have encountered the ledge, and are now in ore that is claimed to run \$20. The company will in a few days let a contract for a shaft, showing which is very wide, and assays \$8.10.

The sheriff and coroner started out today to hold an inquest on the body of a man who was killed on the trail between the Curlew store and Greenwood. There are no details.

W. A. White, superintendent of the L. E. returned yesterday from Sophie At last accounts the crosscut had penetrated the ore body 11 feet, with no indications of a wall.

SCIENCE OF PROSPECTING.

Why Do Not Mining Engineers Discover More Mines?

The question is frequently asked, "Why are not more mines discovered by mining engineers?" Briefly, the answer is because they do not prospect. Undoubtedly, the men who have the advanced technical education, geology and engineering are better qualified to prospect intelligently than those who have not this technical education, and have little time to prospect, even if so disposed.

Technical education without practical experience does not fit a man for even such a humble occupation as prospecting. While a prospector, whose chief reliance is in his muscle and not in his technical education, is not likely to stumble upon a valuable ore deposit, he is not looking for mines, and as all rocks look much the same to him, it does not occur to him to prospect the ledge, which is a fragment of some eruptive rock, for either may contain precious metals, and his very ignorance of the character of the rock prevents him from recognizing it. Technically educated or not, are prone to search for mineral deposits, veins, float, etc., similar to those they are familiar with. The ledge, which is a fragment of some eruptive rock, for either may contain precious metals, and his very ignorance of the character of the rock prevents him from recognizing it.

The properties of the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated, Forest, Ont. Would you do me a favor to give me that information you can regarding the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated company. Officers named in the prospectus, Colonel W. D. Turner, president, also president of the Le Roi and the Ben Hur, secretary, T. J. Orange, N. Y. I wrote you some time ago asking you to kindly give me and other interested parties very reliable information regarding the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated company, in which we are interested. I have written the secretary but do not get any reply. When we had sent the money for the shares, I would receive a report at least annually, and I am offered 5,000 shares and would take them if I felt I was being treated right.

A TAILOR RUNS AWOK

Fires Revolver Shots Indiscriminately at His Wife's Relatives.

His Mother-in-Law Dead; His Brother-in-Law Will Die—The Others Will Recover—He is Under Arrest.

New York, April 1.—John J. Schmidt, a well known tailor 35 years old white in a fit of jealousy tonight shot his mother-in-law, his wife, his sister-in-law and his brother-in-law, and ended by firing a bullet at his wife from his wife for a moment, and tonight went to the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Wild, Graham avenue, and tried to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who had gone back to live with her mother. Mrs. Schmidt refused to return to her husband, and Mrs. Wild championed her cause. Schmidt drew two revolvers and fired point-blank at his wife, who was instantly killed. Mrs. Schmidt was shot in the arm and thigh. Nicholas Wild, a brother-in-law of Schmidt, and received a bullet in the forehead, and Schmidt then fired a shot at his 1-year-old infant. All of the wounded people were taken to the hospital. Schmidt is said to be in a precarious condition, and it is believed that he will die. Mrs. Schmidt and Pauline Wild will recover. Schmidt was arrested.

THE RESCUED ON SHORE

Survivors of the Stella Disaster Arrive at Southampton.

Pitiful Scenes on the Quay—Friends of the Lost Looking For Those They Will See No More.

Southampton, April 1.—The steamer Vera arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon with the survivors of the Stella disaster. The men were thronged, and as soon as the gangways had been placed in position, the officials on the Vera invited all persons having relatives or friends among the survivors to go on board. The scenes that followed were most pathetic. The joy of the fortunate ones was veiled in the presence of the harrowing grief of those who were fruitless searching for those who had perished in the sea. The joy of the fortunate ones was veiled in the presence of the harrowing grief of those who were fruitless searching for those who had perished in the sea. The joy of the fortunate ones was veiled in the presence of the harrowing grief of those who were fruitless searching for those who had perished in the sea.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

A Number of Inquiries in One Small Letter.

St. Thomas, Ont. Would you consider it intruding for me to ask you to tell me if you know anything of the prospect mentioned below? I would count it a great favor.

The mining properties I would inquire of you concerning are the Jo Jo, Primrose, Old Gold, Salmo Con., Big 14, and Canadian-American and the 22nd claim. Trusting you will not think this too much trouble, and hoping to get The Rossland Miner in due course, I shall be much obliged. Yours very truly, W. H. A.

The shares of the Jo-Jo are worth 10 cents. A contract to deepen the shaft on the property of the Jo-Jo, situated three-quarters of a mile east of Rossland, adjoining the Commander on the southwest, was completed a short time since. The shaft is now down to a depth of 65 feet, and is expected to be let in as soon as the snow melts, so that no more surface water will get into the shaft.

The shares of the Old Gold Quartz & Placer Mining company are worth 10 cents. The company has some very promising properties, and the intention, the management says, is to begin the shipping of ore this summer. The Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development company's treasury shares are held at 20 cents. The annual meeting of the company will be held on the 15th of April, and the reports of the officers will be read. This company has four claims located 10 miles from Salmo siding, in the Nelson Mining division. There has been considerable development work done on these properties and there is a good showing of ore. It will be some little time before the shipments of ore will be commencing, but they are worth contemplating the erection of a concentrator. That these properties will ultimately be large producers of ore and will yield dividends, seems certain.

The outlook for the Canadian-American Gold Mining & Development company are not selling here, but they are valuable on the west shore of Lake Okanagan, and on the reservation and elsewhere, and the townsite of Glen-Robinson. On the properties in the vicinity of Lake Okanagan some good strikes have been made. It takes time, however, to bring even promising properties up to the productive stage. The outlook for the Canadian-American company, however, is of a most encouraging character.

The Ethel Group Gold Mining company is being reorganized and will shortly be a respectable company. It is understood the intention is to make the shares assessable.

The shares of the Primrose Mining company are selling for 12 cents. The company owns four claims on Whisky creek. The property is being developed, and the expectation is that a shipment of enough ore for a smelter test will be made.

THE RECORD OF THE ESTERHAZY TRIAL

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First—Should Esterhazy be retired for habitual misbehavior?

Second—Was he guilty of a grave offense against discipline?

Third—Was he guilty of a grave offense against honor?

The court voted on the first issue in the affirmative, 3 to 2. The second issue was unanimously rejected, and the third was negated by a vote of 4 to 1.

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The Pop's Wound Has Healed.

Rome, April 1.—Drs. Mazoni and Lappi this evening received a fragment of the lead skin from the pope's wound, which has almost completely healed. When the bandages were removed the pope did not suffer the least pain, and he afterwards conversed with his entourage.

Price of Silver.

New York, April 1.—Bar silver, 5 3/8; Mexican dollars, 47 1/2; silver certificates, 60@60 1/2.

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THE BULGARIA'S CREW

They Were Royally Treated Upon Their Arrival in Hamburg.

Hamburg, April 1.—The Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria, Captain Schmidt, which put in at St. Michaels, Azores, on February 24, in distress, having been disabled while on her voyage from New York on January 28 for this port, and which left the Azores on March 23, making temporary repairs at St. Michaels, docked here this morning after touching at Plymouth on March 28, and was received with intense enthusiasm by the inhabitants, and representatives of Emperor William and the naval and military authorities. Admiral Koster, inspector-general of the German navy, made a speech to the crew and distributed decorations, among them being the Cross of Commandeur. The Hohenzollern family order was bestowed upon Captain Schmidt by Emperor William on February 25th last. The Bulgarians and the members of the crew were escorted to Rathaus, the town hall, where laudatory speeches were made. They were afterwards entertained at a banquet.

Sugar Conference in August.

Berlin, April 1.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press hears that, as a result of the pour harvest, which have been going on between the powers, the sugar conference will reconvene in August next.

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