Unlike some of the late arrivals from the Klondike country, Mr. Kresky intends to return. He is satisfied that he can gain a fortune in the Alaskan region, and expects to return there as fast as railroads, boats, and dog-teams can carry him. He is confident of cleaning up $100,000 worth of gold during the year, and after that he will sell his claims and return to civilization.

The ex-peanut man gave some curious accounts of conditions in the gold country. Although the men were cut off from the United States, they were fairly well informed as to the conditions prevailing here, and showed the keenest interest in the relations between this country and Spain. The news of the battle of Manila and Dewey's victory almost set the town crazy, and extravagant prices were paid for the story. A young man who arrived from the States with the first account of the battle rented a hall and charged fifty cents admissions for the reading of the paper conaining the account. He played a three-night stand before the miners were satisfied, and at the end sold the paper for $10. This occurred two weeks after the news of battle had reached this country.

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FOUND A SULPHUR SPRING.

While taking a stroll across the hills east of Grand Forks, B. C., one afternoon, George Cummings discovered a sulphur spring. He was crossing a little gully, through which trickled a tiny stream of water, when he detected a strong smell of sulphur. Suspecting the cause, he examined the streamlet, and was amazed to find sulphurous deposits here and there along the banks. Following up the course of the stream, Mr. Cummings found a large-sized spring. As soon as he tasted the water he was convinced that he had made an important discovery. Reporting the news on his return to the city, a small-sized stampede took place to the spring, which is located on John A. Manly's ranch, three-quarter of a mile from the town limits. The correctness of Mr. Cummings' find was soon confirmed, and already the health-giving waters are being dispensed around town as a beverage. Mr. Manly purposes laying a pipe from the spring to the Yale Hotel. Samples of the water have been sent to Spokane for the purpose of obtaining an analysis of the properties thereof.

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THEY SHOOK DICE FOR A MINE.

General Charles S. Warren, a pioneer of Butte, but now a resident of Spokane, and Miles Finlen shook dice in the summer of 1892 for a copper-mine then valued at $75,000 and now at a cool million. The mine adjoined the Anaconda, and was held jointly by Warren and Finlen. The latter is at present a wealthy mine operator of Butte, who is noted everywhere as a plunger in stocks, on horse-races, and in a political campaign. In the latter amusement he makes the millionaires of Butte hold their breath when he offers to wager reckless sums on his favorite candidate.

Warren and Finlan had owned the property for some years, the Spokane (Wash.) "Spokesman-Review" says, but had been unable to agree upon the method in which it should be worked. They met one day in Lynch Brothers' saloon, and the old wordy quarrel was at once renewed as to the relative values of different methods of working the mine.

"I'll sell you my interest for what it cost me," said Finlen.

"I don't want your interest," replied the general.

"Well, I'll buy your interest," said Finlen.

"Don't want to sell," retorted the general.

"Well, I'll shake the dice with you to see whether you or I own the mine," Finlen rejoined, with some warmth.

Warren hesitated a moment. His friends believed that Finlen was bluffing, but Warren knew the man. The mine was a valuable one. After considering a moment, Warren took his hands out of his trousers pocket, and remarked:

"Miles, I'll go you."

"Give us the dice-box," yelled Finlen to the bartender. The ivories were produced.

"What do you want to shake?" asked Finlen.

"Any way will do me," replied Warren.

"Any way will suit me, too," said Finlen. "Now, name your game."

"Name yours," curtly replied Warren.

"One flop, aces high, then," said Finlen, as he rattled the dice in the box.

"Aces high goes," said Warren; "the winner to set up the wine for the house."

"That suits me. Here goes," said Finlen, as he spilled the dice on the bar.

"Two sixes. I've got you, Charlie, this time," as he passed the box over to Warren.

"That looks good, but I think I can beat it, Miles," said Warren as he tossed the dice out.

There was not a pair in sight.

"Ace high is a good hand sometimes, but it loses this time, Charlie," remarked Finlen as he threw a $100 bill on the bar and added: "Give the boys what they want, bartender."

The next morning Mr. Warren made out the deed.

The mine was later sold to the Anaconda Company by Mr. Finlen. Three years ago the adjoining claim was sold for $760,000 to Marcus Daly.

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Mining Matters.

Mining stocks have been decidedly better in price during the week with the exception of War Eagle. The fear of a strike by the miners in the Rossland Camp has had a depressing effect on the latter stock, but the news to-day is more reassuring, and an improvement will likely take place in the War Eagle quotation immediately.

The closing plices as compared with last week and sales for the week are as follows:—

	A week ago.	To-day.
War Eagle	360	359
Payne	135	138
Montreal-London	47½	58
Republic	125	127½

	Sales.
War Eagle	8,000 shares
Payne	4,700 shares
Montreal-London	11,675 shares
Republic	8,700 shares

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Slocan Sovereign, in which the Montreal-London Company holds 400,000 shares, has had an advance of 7½ points during the week, and closed strong to-day at 35 bid.

The fact is lost sight of that, when this stock was placed on the market, it was at that time worth double what was paid for it, but the Montreal-London Company, wishing to let their shareholders in on the ground floor in a good thing, sold the stock to them at 25 cents per share. The Sovereign was then a proved property, and, had it not been for the miners' strike and a serious accident to the contractors who were driving the deep tunnel, the mine would have been nearly ready to ship to-day.

As it is, shipments from the Sovereign may be expected to commence shortly after the end of the year, and the Argenta will commence to ship before that time. An output of no more that one car load per week of the latter's rich ore will, in itself, earn a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. or 10 per cent. per annum on the Company's capital stock. The par value of the stock in the Slocan Company held by the Montreal-London Company is $400,000, and, as the par value of the Montreal-London Company's own capital is only $432,000, it will be seen that a 10 per cent. dividend earned by the Slocan Company would mean an additional 9 per cent. dividend for Montreal-London shareholders.

Slocan stock should to-day be selling at much higher figures in view of the Company's prospects and nearness to being a dividend payer, and those who buy now will make money.

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The New Gold Fields of British Columbia, an English Corporation, of which Sir Charles Tupper is President, have declared a 20 per cent. dividend for the year ending 30th June.

The profits of the Company for the year were £17,380 14s. 3d.

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The Bullion Mining Company have closed the sale of their property D 233 to a Toronto Syndicate, the consideration being $30,000 in cash and 300,000 shares in the stock of the Company, which is to be formed to work the property.

The capital of the new Company is to be $1,000,000 in shares of the par value of $1 each.

The Bullion Company will now proceed to develop another property which they own close to the one just sold,