

## A NOVEL SITUATION LARDEAU RAILROAD

NELSON GROCERS SAID TO BE IN A COMBINE TO MAINTAIN EXCESSIVE PRICES.

ODD REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN THE CITY BY THE LAKE.

Nelsonites visiting Rossland make statements relative to the prices of groceries in the city by the lake that would point to a condition of affairs seldom witnessed in the Kootenays. It is stated that the Nelson grocers have adopted a scale of prices that is unreasonably high, and that hundreds of dollars of business is driven out of the city monthly.

The story goes that several months ago the retail grocers adopted a price list for staple groceries, and that this list is posted prominently in every store in the city. Substantial increases were made over the scale existing prior to the action thus taken, and the cash purchaser was placed on the same basis as the credit customer. As a result it is claimed that a number of Nelson citizens are buying groceries out of the city. New Denver, it is said, supplies a number of Nelson homes with groceries, the staples being sent down monthly or oftener, and the purchaser being enabled thereby to save a substantial margin on his month's purchases. The Ymir price list is also lower, the statement being made that a bill of \$50 purchased at a Ymir grocery store will net the Nelson purchaser \$10 over the cost of the same goods bought at home. The big eastern departmental houses are also said to have profited by the action of the Nelson retail grocers, families purchasing their month's supplies of groceries direct from Toronto. In proof of the latter assertion the statement is made that within 12 hours after the arrival in Nelson last week of certain catalogues money orders in favor of the departmental store were purchased at the Nelson postoffice aggregating \$750, a considerable proportion of which was for staple groceries.

Report has it that the residents of Nelson seriously contemplate calling a public meeting to discuss the situation and placing the grocers on the defensive. This matter has been talked of at some length and will probably materialize in the near future. Altogether the situation is decidedly interesting if the Nelson men who have visited Rossland of late do not exaggerate matters.

### A POWER DRILL SHARPENING MACHINE.

John and William Word of the Black Oak mine in Tuolumne county, California, some months since invented a power drill sharpening machine which they have been successful in introducing in the Michigan copper mines.

The machine weighs in the neighborhood of 1800 pounds and is operated by compressed air. The sharpening is done by two hammers, one vertical and the other horizontal, each striking a blow of from 30 to 2000 pounds pressure, as determined by the operator. The steel being heated, the first process is the rounding of the shank of a drill so as to fit for the chuck of the drilling machine. The other end of the drill is then put under the vertical hammer and what is known as the up-setter. The sharpening follows, and then the sharpening commences. First, the corners are sharpened and then the drill is put under a swage to give it uniform thickness and size. The sharpener puts an edge on the drills not unlike that of a new knife. The end of the drill is cut in the shape of a cross-bit. After the drill has been sharpened it goes through the dolling process, by which the edge is straightened, and then it is tempered.

The machine is built on a sort of moving anvil, the object of which is to permit the changing of tools underneath the hammer. This is no nicely arranged that it can be moved from one tool to another in less than a second's time. The drill is held by an adjustable dead-lock which, like the entire machine, is worked by air pressure. The sharpening of the drill is done by means of the vertical hammer, the sharpening by the horizontal hammer, and the finishing touches put on by the vertical hammer.

A great feature of the new machine is the fact that one man operates it, the hammers being controlled by a foot lever, a backward motion working one and a forward motion the other. The machine is easy to operate and it is said that under favorable conditions two drills can be sharpened per minute.—Mining and Scientific Press.

### RAISED BY THE POWERS.

Japan Consents to Submit the Question to Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—The Japanese government has agreed to submit to arbitration the question raised by the powers as to the exemption of their citizens living in Japan from taxation on their houses. The United States is not a party to this arbitration treaty, but the Japanese government has given its assurance that American citizens living in Japan shall have the benefit of any decision reached by the arbitration, while the United States have consented to be bound by that decision.

### STRUCK MISSED HOLE.

Mariposa Miners Drilled Into Missed Hole With Fatal Results.

MARIPOSA, Cal., March 29.—While operating a machine drill in the Mariposa mine of the Mariposa Grant group of mines George Killenich and Elisha Andrews drilled into a missed hole, an explosion following immediately. Killenich was killed. Andrews' eyes were blown out and he was otherwise injured so terribly that his life is despaired of.

ENGINEER SULLIVAN SAYS JUNE FIRST WILL SEE ROAD COMPLETED.

FORMS ANOTHER LINK IN IDEAL ROUTE FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

John G. Sullivan, western engineer of the construction department of the Canadian Pacific, is now at Trail making preparations to remove his office and family to Winnipeg, where he will make his headquarters in future. Mr. Sullivan is the authority for the statement that having resumed operations on the construction of the Canadian Pacific branch into the Eastern country it will be the object of the company to complete the line if possible by June 1. As only a comparatively small section of the road is unfinished there seems to be no reason to doubt that they will succeed in this, as most of the plan is on the ground ready to commence work. Gus Creelman of Rossland his important contracts at various points along the new line.

If the Canadian Pacific line to the foot of Trout lake is finished by the date specified the country should enjoy a period of marked activity. By that time a number of properties that have been rawhiding out ore will have an additional amount mined for transportation over the railroad, and the advent of the railroad at Selkirk should see ore moving actively. It was the intention of the Canadian Pacific to put a steamer of their own on Trout lake originally, but nothing has been heard of the matter for some time, although the Procter, plying out of Nelson, was said to have been the boat selected for the purpose. As there are a couple of steamers owned by private parties now on Trout lake it is possibly the intention of the Canadian Pacific to utilize these craft for their towing business in the meantime. If it is the intention of the company to put into effect immediately their plan of building around the lake to Trout Lake City and thence over the divide to Thompson's Landing, it would be necessary to put a steamer of their own on the inland waters. Meantime the company is arranging for the handling of considerable quantities of ore at Trout Lake City.

An interesting feature in connection with the construction of the Lardeau

### COPPER ALARM NEEDLESS.

Two weeks ago we took occasion to point out that the copper situation was generally favorable, and we see no reason to change that conclusion, despite the renewed attempts to bear the market in Amalgamated and a few other stocks prominently before the public. What mysterious schemes are in the minds of the active operators in those shares we have no desire to find out. It may be true, as writers whose business it is to keep track of the speculative market say, that Amalgamated is in a bad way; that it is not earning any money dividends, and that its surplus stores of cash are pretty well exhausted. It is also entirely plausible that the Osceola Company only earned \$2.45 a share during the year, although dividends distributed at the rate of \$3 a share, and that the company now has a floating debt instead of the former splendid surplus. We do not believe, however, that other copper companies should be classed as being in a similar unhealthy state. The reason for the condition of these two companies is entirely apart from the state of the market for the product, and the fluctuations in their shares have not been governed by the laws of supply and demand. The Amalgamated is said to have spent \$10,000,000 in the fight with the Heinze interests, and is likely to be tied up until a settlement is made. Mismanagement seems to account for the unfavorable condition of Osceola. Those who hold Amalgamated stock must keep guessing as to the time and amount of the next dividend. For purposes best known to themselves—apparently for their own convenience—the directors of the company have changed the time of the dividend meetings, the result being that instead of the uncertainty in respect to the dividend being removed on March 20th (the original date for the meeting to pass upon the matter), the agony to legitimate and speculative holders alike will be prolonged until well into the following month.

But investors who allow themselves to be influenced by Wall Street or by their own views in the general situation are making a mistake. Usually the main object in hammering down a stock is to shake out the small investor from a good thing, and some such scheme may be afoot in copper. The best criterion by which to estimate the worth of one's holdings in an industrial company is the condition of trade for the product, and in copper there are many hopeful signs. Reports of February production show a falling off of 2775 tons from January, and of 3920 tons from February of last year. The decrease helped out an overstocked market, and now production is increasing materially in response to a larger and steadier demand. The fact that Rio Tinto has declared a dividend of 37s. 6d., an increase of 2s. 6d., is another encouraging factor. News from the copper mining camps continues golden. An important development is the formation of a company in Montana, capitalized at nearly \$4,000,000, which has united several valuable properties and will do much to bring back to the state some of its former prestige as a leader in copper production. The copper output now exceeds that of gold and silver in Arizona. The deposits in that state are not only proving of high percentage, but practically inexhaustible. United Verde will have many rivals.—American Mining News.

Since the beginning of the war Canada has provided food and forage to the value of \$7,000,000 under contract with the war office.

## LOCAL COMPANIES IN LONDON

Shareholders of the Rossland Great Western Mines, Limited, and the Kootenay Mining Companies, Limited, subsidiaries of the defunct London & Globe and British America Corporations, must be heartily sick of the bitter personalities indulged in by the rival candidates for seats on the boards of these companies. Messrs. Tyndale White and A. B. Deatly have issued a circular to the shareholders reviewing the circumstance under which the meetings held towards the end of last month were adjourned till March 17th. They point out at these meetings a committee was appointed to consider the best means of reconstructing the boards and to report to the shareholders. In the case of the Rossland Great Western they state that Messrs. James Flower & Co. "only obtained 155 proxies, representing 11,533 shares, and whereas there are 1300 shareholders holding 100,000 shares, the directors do not consider that Messrs. Flower represented the general body of shareholders." Messrs. White and Deatly therefore request shareholders in both companies to fill up proxies in their favor, at the same time promising that such proxies shall, when received, be handed over to them "to be used at the unfettered discretion of the largest shareholder." In taking this course these gentlemen have done nothing improper or even injudicious. We have no desire to influence shareholders in this matter one way or the other, but Messrs. James Flower & Co. characterize the action of Messrs. White and Deatly as "stupidous impudence," they employ the exaggerated language of bitter partisans. This firm suffered severely from the London & Globe default, and are deserving of sympathy on that account, but that is no justification for their wholesale condemnation of everything and everybody with which or with whom Mr. Whitaker Wright had any connection. So far as we are aware, nothing has transpired to show that Messrs. White and Deatly are not capable business men, fully competent to administer the affairs of the Rossland Great Western and Kootenay companies. If that be so we contend, pace Messrs. James Flower & Co., that it would be an injustice to dismiss them simply and solely because they were directors under the Whitaker Wright regime.

We notice that the Pall Mall Gazette, in company with Messrs. James Flower & Co., is also shocked at the desire of Messrs. White and Deatly to ascertain the wishes of the shareholders. "It almost takes one's breath away," remarks our contemporary, which goes on to declare that "the Rossland Great Western must be free from all the taint of association with Mr. Whitaker Wright." The inference, of course, is that although Mr. Whitaker Wright has no longer a voice in the administration of these companies, he still exercises a baneful hypnotic influence over Messrs. White and Deatly. It would be equally as absurd and unjust to suggest that the financial columns of our contemporary must forever be tabooed because a former city editor of the Pall Mall Gazette indulged in the gentle art of palmistry. We can readily understand the antipathy to Mr. Whitaker Wright; but that gentleman has nothing to do with the present controversy and if shareholders are satisfied that Messrs. White and Deatly are capable, honest men, they will be foolish to listen to counsels which are evidently prompted by a misguided spirit of revenge.—The Colonial Gold Fields Gazette.

We feel sure that any of the shareholders who attended the recent meetings of the Rossland Great Western and Kootenay companies must have been surprised on Thursday when they received a communication from the directors of these companies asking for their proxies. This appears to us the most undignified action which a board of directors could have entered upon, and we presume they can only have been forced to take this step by the pressure of circumstances of more than ordinary gravity. In obedience to the clearly expressed and unanimous desire of the shareholders, the directors of these companies at the last meeting practically put their resignations into the shareholders' hands, and a committee was appointed to reorganize the board. The cause of this volte face may become clear on Monday next, but the shareholders should certainly not give the proxies asked for, and if they have already done so, they should immediately cancel them either by wire or registered letter. We understand that the position of the Rossland Great Western is not even as satisfactory today as it was at the time the report was issued, when it will be remembered that the directors stated that their finances were in a sound position. Expenses at Rossland now exceed \$40,000 a month, while the bank balance stands at the inadequate sum of £1200, so that the present position

is very far from reassuring. The clearly expressed wish of the proprietors of both companies was to clear the company of all trace of the Whitaker Wright element, and it was apparently with this object that the committee of shareholders was appointed. In order to carry out this programme the shareholders should make every possible effort to attend the meeting in person. We are under the impression that the meeting very clearly expressed its wish in regard to the appointment of auditors, but as we hear that an effort may be made to reinstate the firm which formerly had this appointment, we would remind the shareholders that this matter is entirely in their own hands.—B. C. Review.

The circular referred to above read as follows:

Rossland Great Western Mines, Ltd., Salisbury House, London Wall, London, E. C., March 12, 1902.

To the shareholders:—It will be recollected that at the meeting held February 24th last the directors agreed that the meeting should be adjourned till March 17th, and a committee was appointed to consider the best means of reconstructing the board, and to report to the shareholders.

As, in reply to their application for proxies, Messrs. Flower only obtained 155 proxies, representing 11,533 shares, and whereas there are 1300 shareholders holding 100,000 shares, the directors do not consider that Messrs. Flower represented the general body of shareholders. They therefore enclose form of proxy in favor of themselves, which please fill up and return to the company's office.

The directors undertake to hand over any proxies you may send them, to be used at the unfettered discretion of the largest shareholders. It must be remembered that there are shareholders holding from 3000 to 5000 shares apiece, and the directors recognize their substantial interest in the company, and are willing to adopt any course they may think best in the general interest.

TYNDALE WHITE, A. B. DEATLY, Directors, Kootenay Mining Company, Ltd., Salisbury House, London Wall, London, E. C., March 12, 1902.

To the shareholders:—It will be recollected that at the meeting held on February 24th last the directors agreed that the meeting should be adjourned till March 17th, and a committee was appointed to consider the best means of reconstructing the board, and to report to the shareholders.

In view of what transpired at the Rossland Great Western meeting, which had just been held, the directors thought at the time that this was the best course to pursue. They have since come to the conclusion that the shareholders ought to have the opportunity of expressing their views through some reliable channel, and for this purpose they enclose form of proxy, which, although made out in their names, will, when received, be handed over to them to be used at the unfettered discretion of the largest shareholders, who, it is natural to assume, have nothing but the best interest of the company at heart.

It has been left to these shareholders to nominate those to whom they wish proxies to be handed when received.

TYNDALE WHITE, A. B. DEATLY.

### THE DINNER POSTPONED.

British Columbians Will Not Dine as Arranged.

It is regrettable that the arrangements for the holding of a British Columbia dinner in London should have fallen through, seeing that this was the first affair initiated by the new agent-general, still it is eminently preferred that the arrangements should have been cancelled rather than that a meeting should have been arranged which was not properly representative. Although the object of holding the dinner at such an early date arose from a very natural desire that a number of British Columbians who are now in England might be able to attend, still the notice was far too short to enable a number of prominent men to be present, whose absence would undoubtedly have marred the value of such a meeting. There was a very general feeling that the price arranged for the tickets was unnecessarily high, and this will probably be rectified on the next occasion. As it is advisable that every kind of interest should be represented at a gathering of this kind an effort will be made to obtain the attendance of a number of the prominent sportsmen who have visited British Columbia in recent years, as well as those whose interests in the province are connected with other industries besides mining.

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## GREAT DAMAGE DONE LADY FRANCIS HOPE

FLOODS IN TENNESSEE ARE THE GREATEST KNOWN IN MANY YEARS.

IN KENTUCKY IT IS THE WORST KNOWN SINCE 1890.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 29.—The floods in Middle Tennessee, the greatest known in many years, have resulted in losses aggregating more than one million dollars. Three lives were lost in Giles county. John Cole and his family who resided on Richland creek, near Pulaski, were driven to the roof of their homes to escape the rising waters. The foundation of the structure gave way and the family was thrown into the flood. Mrs. Cole and her two younger children were drowned.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 29.—The storm last night wrought great destruction at Memphis. Five factory employees whose names could not be learned, were drowned in the flood. The river is 20 feet higher than ever before. Every portion of the town was inundated. Great damage was wrought in the surrounding country by swollen creeks.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 29.—The worst flood since 1890 swept over Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee last night. It rained for three days and nights, swelling Cumberland and Powell rivers beyond their banks, as well as all other streams, and before the farmers were aware of the danger the flood was on them. Many were compelled to flee for their lives. No loss of life has been reported. The Middlesboro valley was inundated and every store in the city except three had from three inches to 15 inches of water on their floors. The Louisville and Nashville railroad between here and Corbin was badly washed out.

### GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP.

H. R. Bates of Ontario, Is One of the Highest Handicaps.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 2.—On account of a snow storm here today the match shoot between J. A. R. Elliot of Kansas City and W. R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Illinois, for a cast iron medal, was postponed until Monday, April 7th.

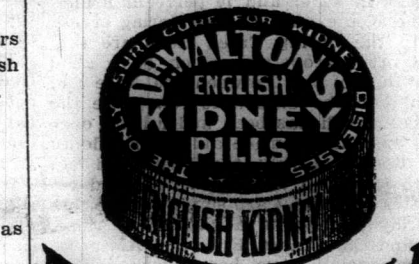
The entry list for the Grand American handicap, which will begin next Wednesday, April 2, was issued today. It contains the names of 460 marksmen, including practically all the crack shots of the country, the number of entries being the greatest since the handicap was inaugurated in 1893. The tournament proper will commence Monday. The contest Monday and Tuesday will be sweepstakes affairs.

Among the fifty-four entries having the highest handicaps is H. R. Bates, of Ridgeway, Ontario, 31 yards.

### AMBASSADOR WHITE.

His Health Is Much Better Than For Several Years.

BERLIN, March 29.—Andrew D. White, the United States ambassador to Germany, has not yet resigned and is quite undecided as to whether he will do so at some future time or serve out his term. His health, though not robust, is better than it has been for several years. He never misses his office hours and has been uncommonly active in a social way. The ambassador is now at the Riviera, simply on regular leave of absence.



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CAPTAIN STRONG AND MAY YOHE HAVE SAILED FOR NEW YORK.

EXPECT TO ARRIVE BY MAY AT THE VERY LATEST.

YOKOHAMA, March 29.—Via San Francisco.—Among the passengers on the German mail steamer Klauschoun, which sailed for America March 28th, were May Yohe (Lady Francis Hope) and Captain Putnam Bradley Strong of New York. Captain Strong said that he would proceed leisurely, but he must be in New York by May at the latest.

### MONEY FOR TRANSVAAL.

Relief of Women and Children in Concentration Camps.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 29.—Herman Lieber, president of the North American Turnerbund, said today that the bund is about to send a large sum of money to the Transvaal for the relief of the women and children in the concentration camps, and for furnishing surgeons and hospital supplies to the wounded Boers.

Mr. Lieber said: "We shall make a call on all our societies in the United States to contribute, and we have 40,000 members between Boston and San Francisco."

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**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that the annual shareholders' meeting of the within named companies will be held at the hour and date specified in the company's office, No. 3 Kootenay avenue, Rossland, B. C., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of all such business which may properly come before the meeting:

Shakespeare G. M. Co., March 18th, 10 o'clock a. m.

Skyark Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 8 o'clock p. m.

Kingston Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 8 o'clock p. m.

St. Joseph Gold Mines, Ltd., March 19th, 8 o'clock p. m.

The meetings of the above companies are adjourned until 3rd April next at the same hour and place.

F. R. BLOCHBERGER, Secretary.

### CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice.

Parrott and Gambetta mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the south slope of Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Charles E. Bennett, free miner's certificate No. B 42093, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above mineral claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 29th day of January, A. D. 1902.

6-2-02 N. F. TOWNSEND.

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