ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER

"The concentrating plant to be in- | tration as applied to Rossland mines

trating apparatus now on the way west pany takes a step that will undoubtedly

from the manufacturers. The site is be-ing cleared and graded, and materials history of the Rossland district. With

for building placed on the ground, so the great reserves of concentrating ore that no time will be lost in setting up available at the Velvet the inaugura-

t interest in view of the publicity with the most important producers in

city of Rossland.

testing, but at a later date I will have

facts regarding the system generally.

Preparations are being made at the

given of late to the question of concen- the Kootenays

THURSDAY ......July '17, 1902

# A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT JOHNSTOWN, PA. CONCENTRATOR

Arrived in Rossland Last Sunday-Interesting Interview With a Miner Reporter-Will Remain Until the Early Part of Next Winter

Anthony J. McMillan, managing dires- | thorized by the members of the comtor of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper mittee to do what may be necessary on Mines, Ltd., of London and of the B.

C. (Rossland and Slocan) Syndicate. Mining Company are you not? Ltd., also of London, arrived in Ross. land Sunday night from England, where he has been since December last. Mr. Tyler, stating that at a meeting of the McMillan, who sailed from England on shareholders held on June 4th he and the "Umbria" of the Cunard line, re- I had been elected directors. Three of ports having experienced exceptionally the old directors, Messrs. H. J. Hill (late cold and stormy weather on the At-chairman of the company), C. S. Stat-tantic. He was also detained one week ford and R. J. Frecheville, Jave relantic. He was also detained one week in Winnipeg on account of the wash-tired. The board as present constituted out on the C. P. R. mear Calgary, and whilst in Winnipeg was the guest of his friend, Sir D. H. McMillan, the gov-ernor of Manitoba. Mr. McMillan, whose successful man- signed. Have you anything to say in

agement of the aforementioned com- | regard to this?" panies is so well known to all Rossdirector of the Le Roi Mining Com- in its acceptance. He has, I underpany, and is charged with the difficult stand, other business engagements in the future financial and business manage. before the cold weather sets in. At the ment.

The Miner representative some inter- tage by leaving hurriedly, has kindly esting information. In reply to inquiries arranged to continue his management he stated that the development of the for a few weeks if necessary, pending Snowshoe mine continued to be on an the appointment of his success extensive scale. The Snowshoe company "Can you give any information : has recently been shipping about 100 the future policy of the Le Roi?" Mr. McMillan stated he could not say day it is not possible at present to say much as to the details of recent devel- much. The first business is too look opments until he arrived at the mine thoroughly into the position out here. Itself, which he expects to do on Wed- My first duty is to the shareholders day next. G. S. Waterlow, a direc- of the Le Roi company-nearly 4000 in tor of the company, and chairman of number-and I recognize fully how the B. C. (Rossland and Slocan) Syn- much it means to them, and how much dicate, Ltd., left London last Saturday it also means to Rossland that the Le and will arive in Rossland next month, Roi should be put in a sound position.

"Can you give me any information, Mr. McMillan, about Le Roi affairs." Miner, Mr. McMillan said he had made me two years since.

asked The Miner representative.

their behalf out here.' "You are also a director of the Le Roi COPPER MINES "Yes. When in Winnipeg a few days since I received a cable from Sir Henry

ANTHONY J. MCMILLAN THE VELVET CONC

"Before I left London Mr. Mackenzie landers, has recently been appointed a handed in his resignation, and persisted task of looking into the affairs of the Yukon and is anxious to get away to Le Roi company, and arranging for its the north to discharge his duties there same time, Mr. Mackenzie not wishing

Yesterday Mr. McMillan kindly gave to place the company at a disadvan-

"Can you give any information as to f ore per day to the smelters, but "Seeing that I only arrived on Sun-

as will also Dr. Lewis Jones, another The task is important and difficult, of the Snowshoe directors, who was here and I can only say that I shall do inv

inquiries as to the Elmore oil process

"As you are aware a meeting of Le and had in fact had some tests made Rol shareholders was held in London on on ore during this last winter. He states the 30th of May, at which great dist that one of the directors of the coinsatisfaction was expressed regarding pany formed to deal with this process the general condition of the affairs of in Canada is now in British Columbia, the general condition of the analis of in Canada is now in British Columbia, attended with reliant and the degree of perfection to which the sys-industry as a whole on a parity with committee was appointed with very with the question of making arrangelarge powers, and with instructions to ments to thoroughly test the Elmor investigate matters. The committee, of process as applied to the ores of this which Sir Henry Tyler was chairman, district. consisted of six members. I was and Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross

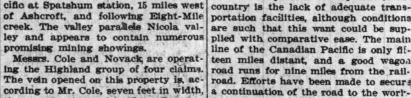
IN EMBRYO John Y. Cole has returned to the city in which he is half owner. The Trans-

after spending the past two months in vaal has a fine showing of high grade the Highland valley, where he has, in common with George Novack, also of Device Novack, also of Mr. Cole believes that eventually the

Rossland, important mining interests. Highland valley will be an important The Highland valley is reached by leav- copper producing section. The drawing the main line of the Canadian Pw back to the present development of the cific at Spatshum station, 15 miles west the ore showing red oxide and copper glance. On this frip their work was con-fined largely to another and smaller the Ashcroft people have taken up the ing properties in the valley, and while

a few dollars in gold at a depth of 20 be to induce the government to amend George Novack remains in the High- spect to that particular section. With

land for several weeks for the purpose the road built, Mr. Cole states that sevof working on the Transvaal group, eral properties have one in sight that adjoining the Highland property, and will pay to ship.



vein, containing three feet of ore that matter and are now circulating a peti-assays in places 25 per cent copper and tion the effect of which, it is hoped, will its present policy of inactivity with re-



Reports from Trail with reference to is not likely to pay heavy dividends Reports from Trail with reference to is not likely to pay heavy divident it the refinery recently established there are to the effect that the new process of refining by means of electricity is the federal administration erects a proattended with remarkable success. The tection wall about the Canadian lead tem has been brought will be realized when it is stated that the refined product turned out by the plant is no iess the refinery will reap its harvest along than .999 pure. This means that in every with other branches of the lead in

consisted of six members. I was are Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-of the number, and on leaving England land and the Kootenay country until towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. Mr. McMflan expects to be in Ross-towards the middle of June was au- the early part of next winter. the records of practical refining opera- grade article of commerce. It has so ne-

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 10 .- John- were taken to the Cambria hospital. stown has again been visited by an One man died just as he reached day. light. appalling disaster. It is only less fright-

stalled at the Velvet mine at once will Apparently the system to be adopted by be experimental on the start," said S. the Velvet is not exclusively the Elmore At that time three more headings, ful than the awful calamity of May 31, believed to be filled with the dead, were Severin Sorensen, manager of the mine, which has been mentioned so frequentyesterday. The plant we are putting in ly in the Rossland camp, but it is rea-1889, in loss of life, but it has brought unsearched. Thirty-nine bodies were is to treat 20 to 25 tons of ore daily, sonable to deduce that the Velvet pen sorrow to hundreds of homes made lying within reach in the main headand at present the matter is in too em- ple have taken pains to ascertain the desolate by a mine explosion which ing. Three were brought out at 4:35 n. bryotic a state to discuss at length. I practicability of their system on their m. Their bodies were placed in the coal took place in the Cambria Steel Comdo not care just now to go into particu- ores, and it is quite certain that inforcars and covered with canvas. The pany rolling mill mine, under West- condition of the bodies showed that lars regarding the exact process we are mation gathered in the course of the operation of the trial plant will be of mount hill, at 12:20 o'clock this after- there had been slow death in each case, no objection to making public some marked value to the mines within the noon. How many are dead it may take The only one to be identified at the pit several days to determine, but that mouth was the mine boss, Joseph Tom-As the pioneer in the direction of linson.

Velvet for the reception of the concen- practical concentration the Velvet com- it is a long list is certain. It may One of the volunteer rescuers said reach 200 or more men. It was nearly that fire was raging in parts of the an hour after the explosion before any mine that would take some time to general knowledge of what had hap- quell. Most of those brought out alive this afternoon saved themselves by pened got abroad. Men who came from crawling into a chamber and closing the plant on its arrival. The result of tion of such a plant on a successful the mines escaping with their lives told a valve of compressed pipe line which the experiments will be awaited with basis will place the property on a level the news, and soon it spread all over a valve of compressed pipe line which runs along the entry. the city. Hundreds rushed to the point At 11 o'clock tonight the number of

and awaited news that did not come known men dead is 90; the number of from the ill-fated mine. injured in the hospitals, 18; the number At the openings across the river of injured who were able to go home, 4. from the point the Cambria Iron Company police, with several assistants stood guard, permitting no one to en

ter the mine from which noxious gases Tracy Shows His Generalship-Slipped were coming. It was nearly 4 o'clock when all hope of sending rescue parties from the West mount opening was abandoned. The men who had escaped from the mine, Richard Bennetts and John Myers, went back two miles to see umclaw today: "Word has been received what assistance could be rendered, but here that Tracy fought a battle with the damp drove them back and they two deputies at the Palmer school fell prostrate when finally, after a desperate struggle, they reached the outside. The doctors gave the men assistance and after working with them He worked a neat game on the officers for half an hour restored them. Their in order to get to Palmer. He was withstory of the situation in the mine made in a mile of that place yesterday mornnot be proceeded with from the West- ing when he learned that the officers mount opening, and hasty preparations were there. He then worked back to were made to begin that mission at the Enumclaw and showed himself on the Mill creek entrance. Soon after the road to Buckley. He was in the woods, news of the explosion reached the Camworks, Mining Engineer Marshall G. Moore and one of his assistants, Al. guards he ran a mile and boarded a G. Prosser, made an attempt to enter freight train on a grade and proceeded the mine. They were followed by Mine to Palmer, where he is no doubt mak-Superintendent George T. Robinson, but ing for the Stampede Pass. the deadly gases stopped their progress and they were compelled to return to the surface. Mine Foreman Harry Rog- false clue. ers, his assistant, William Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Retallack and John Thomas were overcome by gases and it is feared they perished in an effort to rescue the miners. A son of Harry Rogers then tried to reach his father, but he was quickly

overcome by the deadly gas and was carried out unconscious. Mr. Steibich spent several hours at the Mill creek opening. He said that he Hunting for the outlaw Tracy still in the mine. In his opinion, from all that he could glean, not to exceed 150 men had come out.

LATEST DISPATCH JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 10 .- At 10 o'clock tonight afterdamp prevents rescue parties from making rapid headway. The probabilities are that the miners will not be reached before morning.

At 11:20 the first four victims were brought to the surface from the Klondike section. They were William Robertson, who was unconscious when found; John Retallack, alive and in pret-

ty good shape and two unknown Slavs, both alive but unconscious. Dr. John

By the Officers. SEATTLE, Wash., July 14 .- The following message was received from En-

house last night. No particulars are known." and while officers were stationing

WORKED A NEAT GAME.

This morning a posse with dogs made a dash from Kanasaka to Buckley on a

(The following bit of doggerel was flashed over the wires last night by the operator at Vancouver. Not so bad!) News of battle! News of battle! Hark! 'Tis ringing down the streets And the pavements of Seattle.

Hear the clang of hurrying feet! See the hordes of gallant warriors Armed and eager for the fray, In the wilds of Yesler way!

> See their cartridge belts and pistols See their rifles, gleaming bright, They wouldn't do a thing to Tracy, That is, while he's out of sight. News of battle! have they caught him? Has death closed his path of crime? Not quite; but he's now surrounded For the ninety second time.

Later bulletins arriving, Hear the watching hundreds groan, Tracy has again levanted.

"Present whereabouts unknown." And they still are chasing Tracy, He's the smoothest rogue unhung. Pretty soon he'll have

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# WHERE BUSINESS

"Quiet in many points of East Koot- | flourishing condition. At Michel and enay, booming in the Territories," is Fernie matters were exceedingly quiet the report of Principal McTavish of the Cook avenue school, who has just re-ceding payroll had been small for ob-

effect upon business, Returning he spent Principal McTavish was among the a day at Fernie, where the strike had hundreds of Canadian Pacific passen- been under way for some time. In sev- ket is sought as a dumping place for gers who were detained at various eral quarters it was predicted that a surplus production, the Trail refinery be enhanced. points along the system through the settlement of the differences between bad washouts on the main line and the the management of the Crow's Ness Crow's Nest road. He was at Calgary when the delay took place and with several hundred others had his expenses at the hotels paid by the company. At the possible arrangement of the basis Banff a couple of passengers were en- was not given. The men at Michel had tertained for some days by the company returned to work, it having been found and at other points the hotels were impossible, apparently, to keep them all congested with travelers awaiting the in line on the strike question. reopening of the system. While anything

After crossing the Alberta line everybut pleased at the unexpected stop- thing seemed to be flourishing. The

day and the industry generally is in a ance of his vacation.

SITUATION IN VENEZUELA.

Cruiser Marietta to La Guavara.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14 .- Min-

## THE DREDGE EDWARD VII.

spent a day or two at Cranbrook, where

Will Start Work Today-Steamer Ar- Washington Authorities Have Ordered rives From Nome.

### (Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., July 14 .- The big government dredge King Edward VII ister Bowen considers the situation in Venezuela such that, at his request, the effect today. will start, work tomorrow. The steamer Melville Dollar from Nome arrived here this morning, and reported the safe arrival of the Jean-nie and Portland there.

#### THE LINER MONT EAGLE.

ions. In addition to attaining such wonder- Canadian industries that they use the ful results with respect to the quality protective measure as a means to palm of the product, the electrical process is off an inferior product upon Canadian IS BOOMING of the product, the electrical process or-understood to be less costly and cum-bersome than the chemical process orconsumers. In view of the remarkable purity of Trail lead, as adduced above, this charge can never be laid at the dinarily followed. With these advan-

tages the Canadian refining industry door of the lead producer. secures an initial advantage over its The present production of refined lead turned from a six weeks' trip through the eastern portion of the province and the Northwest Territories along the line of the Canadian Pacific. pete against, chief among which is the this, which the pass on as a mark the competition of foreign plants where la-bor is cheaper and the Canadian mar-ket is sought as a dumping place for

> ABOUT STRIKE ALONE

The Rossland board of trade will not dustries. As the largest consumers of over, the passengers generally were well pleased with the manner in which the company looked after their comfort and covenience. The washouts were the most serious in the recent history of the Canadian Pacific and cost the corporation many thousands of dol-lars outside of the heavy outlay neces-sary to replace the various damaged trestles. The country as a whole suffered severely from the excessive rainfall. extern faile. extern faile.over, the passengers generally were great influx of settlers from the bord- send a delegate to the conference to be lead products, it is feared that the

restles. The country as a whole suffered severely from the excessive rainfall. En route east Principal McTavish spent a day or two at Cranbrook, where the being informed that the fine country back of Pincher was settled the settles of the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia, but the Rossland board will not be represented. A request for representation was made

spent a day or two at Cranbrook, where the lumbering interests are the only live industries at the present time. Sev-eral of the mills are running night and the coast, where he will spend the bal-of members last night the matter came of members last night the matter came the coast, where he will spend the balup for discussion. The convention as- deferred until the board has a meeting sembles this morning at Fernie, so that attended by a quorum. The opinion it would be impossible in any event for was expressed that the most politic a Rossland man to reach the spot in method of grappling with the propositime for the opening sessions. It was tion was to allow matters to stand un-unanimously decided by those who til it became necessary to make reprely a pick handle and tried in his frenzy

turned out to last night's meeting that sentations to the Federal government under the circumstances it would be and to thresh out any points in issue at impossible to appoint a delegate, and that juncture. Mr. Buchanan will be advised to this

The question of appointing a secre tary in succession to H. W. C. Jackson

state department will order the Mari-etta, now bound to Kingston, Jamaica, connection with the proposal from the tioned that several applications had At 3 p. m. the train of mine cars came to the pit mouth, where ambulances day with Nelson, and it is thought by from Cape Haytien to proceed to La Guavara. The Toneka, which has been to present the cause of the Canadian Johnson expressed the opinion that at

at La Guayara, sailed today for Quira- lead producers at the annual meeting this juncture in the year, when no men were taken to the Cambria hospi- cannot come, a contest with the Slocan MONTREAL, July 14 -- A dispatch cao. The navy department does not be- of the Dominion Manufacturers' Asso- pressing business is on the tapis and tal and the train of coal cars, with Freaks may be looked forward to, as from Fame Point this morning says lieve that the Marietta will be detained clation in Halifax. As is well known, there is a difficulty in securing a quo-the Elder-Dempster liner Mont Eagle, more than a few days in Venezuela. It is deemed advisable in many quar-rum at meetings, it might be advisable the physicians, re-entered the mine. In the team of Sandon have signified their another half hour they came out again, willingness to come here providing they which went ashore eight miles east of that point on Saturday, is in a bad partment for dispatching the Mari-that point on Saturday, is in a bad this time with six living, but almost got a sufficient guarantee to warrant that point on Saturday, is in a bad partment for dispatching the Mari-position. The water is in two holds. etta to La Guayara is that the min-the steamer had a cargo of 3600 tons, ister may need her for purposes of com-principally iron and tin from Bristol. munication. These wholesale man, is in the city today,

owman of this city, who came up with the men said he passed 25 dead bodies, some of them in sitting positions.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 11 .- This has been a day of heroic rescues at the Rolling Mill mine of the Cambria Steel company. Thrilling experiences attended the efforts of 40 brave men, who

went down into the shaft with a very MINER INJUREDfaint hope that their attempt at rescue John McLean, a miner, about forty would be successful. The reward of years old, was injured in the Josie mine lives of 14 of their fellow workers and to escape from a blast. He had climbed Sunday night, while climbing a ladder bringing them to their families.

the ladder some distance when a loos-Dead and maimed bodies were locatened rock fell from above striking him ed, but no efforts were made to bring on the head! He fell to the bottom of them out until all energy was put for-the ladder and sustained injuries in the ward to seeing that no living soul back and in the head. The injuries are might escape aid. That done, the dead not considered serious. McLean was were attended to and put in train cars, brought up and taken to the morgue.

Still a party of officials and miners gret of the death on Sunday morning searched three miles inside the mine. Occasionally word would come to the street. Deceased was 28 years of age surface that another heap of remains and esteemed by a wide circle of friends, had been exposed. There remains dan- Her illness was short and the fatal regerous headings in the Klondike sec-tion of the mine yet to be explored. No

of the bodies. The rescuers made first The name of Tracy is one to conjurc for No. 4, left heading, which they had with. Yesterday several Rosslanders

been unable to reach the night before. took an early morning gallop to Sheep Falls of the roof almost choked up the creek station, on the Northport road. heading, but through and over the Returning they met a group of men on debris the rescuers pushed their way. the roadside and one of the mounted In an open space they were startled party wheeled his horse with a flourish by a maniacal laugh that came from a and inquired anxiously, "Have you seen blackened form that rushed at them in Tracy?" One of the pedestrians glanced the darkness. The man grasped firm- around with a startled air, lost his footing and rolled twenty feet down the to beat down his rescuers. He was bank before his course was obstructed

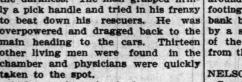
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overpowered and dragged back to the by a stump. Thus potent is the name main heading to the cars. Thirteen of the desperado two hundred miles other living men were found in the from the scene of his operations.

taken to the spot.



NELSON MAY COME-Communications were opened yester-

Go it Tracy, while you're young (The above in regard to Tracy came

bishop John with a repre Press today, over the wires in the early part of the the progress ducted betw evening, but at 11:20 last night, during the prevalence of the high wind which suddenly arose, all the wires went Vatican, an Catholic orga down, and we were disappointed in not ed to questi getting a further telegraphic report.

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