

THE MINING REVIEW

An Important Strike Made in the Velvet on Sophie Mountain.

SIX FEET OF ORE FOUND

Work Has Been Resumed on the Iron Colt—Great Activity in the North Belt—Evening Star Outlook Is of an Encouraging Nature.

The principal event of the past week in mining circles was the find of six feet of ore in the Velvet property on Sophie mountain. In the crosscut run from the 160-foot level at a point 40 feet from the shaft an ore body six feet wide has been encountered. This same body was found in the 50- and 100-foot levels. In these levels it was four feet wide, but now it has widened out to six feet. This following on the heels of the find made in the Victory-Triumph some days since has attracted favorable attention to Sophie mountain.

Another important event during the past week was the resumption of work on the Iron Colt. This closes up a link in the long chain of working properties in the north belt that extends from the Novelty to the Columbia & Kootenay, a distance of about two miles. These include the Novelty, No. 1, War Eagle, Le Roi, West Le Roi and Joste, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Virginia, Iron Horse, Iron Colt, Columbia & Kootenay. With the development in progress all along the northern line the results cannot fail to be productive of a largely increased output during the present year.

The development in the Evening Star continues to be encouraging. D. M. Drumbheller, the president of the Evening Star company, visited the property during the week and was very much pleased with the result, and stated before his departure for Spokane that the intention was to commence shipping within a short time.

The Ore Shipments.—Shipments of ore from the mines of the Rossland camp were phenomenally light during the past week. The War Eagle shipped but little owing to the change going on in connection with the compressor. The Le Roi did not ship at all, and nothing from any of the other shippers except the Iron Mask. The shipments for the week ending February 17 were as follows: War Eagle..... 23 Iron Mask..... 23 Total..... 46

VELVET.—The most important strike of the week has been made in the Velvet property on Sophie mountain, which is owned by the New Gold Fields of British America. In the crosscut run from the 160-foot level, at a distance of 40 feet from the shaft, an ore chute has been struck that is six feet wide. This is the most important find that has yet been made in the Velvet. The same ore chute was met in the 100- and 150-foot levels. In these two levels the ore body was only four feet wide, and the fact that it has widened out to six feet at the 160-foot level is regarded as important. It is said that the new find carries about the same values as in the upper levels. The ore there averaged about \$40 per ton. The bottom of the shaft is also in ore, and the outlook for the Velvet is most promising.

EVENING STAR.—Quite a few changes are being made in the development of the property. An upraise will be run 65 feet along the ore chute from the lower tunnel to connect it with the upper tunnel for the purpose of sampling the ore body, which extends from the lower tunnel to the upper tunnel. Roy H. Clarke, engineer and assayer for the company, will commence to sample ore this week, and assays will be made on the raise as the work progresses. Taking into consideration the assays that have been had in both the lower and upper tunnels, good results are expected. As soon as the raise has been run to the upper tunnel, stopping and sinking will be the order of the day. The ore was first found in the upper tunnel, and is of much more value in the lower tunnel, and the lead is of greater width where they are now working. The plans of development in this camp that have been generally approved of is to sink a shaft and then raise for purposes of ventilation. Therefore, the raise will be of great advantage to the property for this reason, besides defining the extent of the ore body. The usual number of men have been working during the past week in the lower tunnel, and progress has been made to the extent of 12 feet. Only hand drills are being used and, of course, headway is much slower than where machines are used. The fault which was supposed to have been passed has been struck in driving the tunnel. Therefore the break must extend lower down than the depth of the lower tunnel. D. M. Drumbheller, president of the company, left Friday for his home in Spokane. He has been overlooking the property, and expressed his pleasure at its appearance.

LE ROI.—The shaft is now completed to the 800-foot level, where drifting has begun. The incline for a double compartment shaft down from the Black Bear tunnel is nearly completed to the 600-foot level, and the double drum electric hoist of 100-horse power is now being designed and should be here at the end of nine or 10 weeks. In the Black Bear tunnel sharp corners are being taken off so that the timber and supply cars can be easily drawn by a mule to the top of this new shaft, down which men, timbers and supplies will be lowered into the mine. For the main Le Roi hoist two 80-horse power boilers have been ordered, and Crow's Nest coal will be the fuel used. This is a new feature in the camp, the introduction of coal for use in the mines. The amount of wood heretofore used in the mine was something enormous and it remains to be seen whether it will be economical to use coal. Two new Rossland drums are now being put on the drums and as soon as the rollers are put in the shaft. The mine will ship from 300 to 400 tons a day. In the meantime development work is going on in the 200-, 350-, 600-, 700- and 800-foot levels. It is expected that some shipments will be made this week, probably to the amount of 250 to 300 a day.

WAR EAGLE.—Shipments from the War Eagle during the past week have been very light, owing to a block in the mine and the fact that some working parts of the compressor had to be sent for to the east and has not yet come to hand. It is hoped to have everything

in shape very shortly, and in the mean time there will be a gradual increase in the shipments until they far exceed those of the past. Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, who have been here more than a week, will leave for the east during the coming week. The company's experts and attorneys have been going through the evidences in the Centre Star suit and will soon be ready to go into court. The case will be bitterly contested and both sides are confident of winning. The improvements outside are progressing well and the roads being placed in good shape.

DEER PARK.—Active development is being carried on. One machine has just started drifting north from the 300-foot level. The other machine is working in the raise in the north drift of the 150-foot level. This raise has been driven for a distance of 35 feet. This raise is intended to connect the 150-foot level with the north drift of the 100-foot level. Timbering is in progress and both the bottom of the shaft and the sump are being timbered. Twenty-four men are at work and good progress is being made. No shipments can be made as there is not enough water for sorting. F. A. Mulholland, general manager, is in Toronto, and during his absence Lorne Becher is acting as manager.

IRON COLT.—Work has been resumed on this property, which has been shut down since early in January, 1898. The intention is to extend the drift on the 350-foot level 100 feet. This drift is now in a distance of 150 feet. A chamber is to be cut out on the 350-foot level and a shaft sunk for a distance of 100 feet. As there is considerable low grade ore to be taken out in the course of the work the intention is to send this to the smelter. It contains a large excess of iron, and is said to be wanted by the smelter's management.

HOMESTAKE.—The timbering in the shaft has been completed to the 200-foot level. The shaft is now in first class shape. Stations have been cut at the 150-foot and 200-foot levels. Crosscutting has been commenced from the 200-foot level to the north, and when the ledge is encountered, a drift will be run to the west. By running this way depth is attained as the ground on the surface slopes to the east. The intention is also to crosscut at the 150-foot level.

No. 1.—The drift west on the 200-foot level is still following the ledge, the width of which at this point is not known. At the 200-foot station a small hoist has been put in and sinking will recommence during the coming week, and will be continued after this without ceasing from level to level. In the surface tunnel drifting has been stopped, and an upraise on the vein has now been started.

CENTRE STAR.—The tunnel in the Centre Star is in about 1,480 feet now and work is steadily progressing. One shaft is down 600 feet and is being rapidly lowered. The ore is looking well and gives token of being very valuable, but the shaft is being sunk regardless of the ore and none is being taken out for shipment. Work in obtaining evidence in the Centre Star-Iron Mask suit goes along daily.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH.—The find recently made in the Victory-Triumph is even more important than was at first thought to be. There is two feet of clean ore on the hanging wall that will average \$45 to the ton, and beyond there is mixed ore for a distance of four feet. The development is to be crowded with even more vigor than ever, with a view of getting out ore for shipment at the earliest day possible.

JUMBO.—The work of driving the upper and lower tunnels continue with unabated vigor. The sale of the control of the stock of the Jumbo Mining company to the Senator Cox syndicate of Toronto, has probably fallen through. The intention of M. E. Galusha and his associates, notwithstanding the failure of the deal, is to carry out the plan for the development of the property as originally planned.

LILY MAY.—The compressor plant is disabled by the cracking of a cylinder head during the cold snap. It has been found necessary to send to Toronto for a new casting, and it will be here in two weeks. In the meanwhile drifting on the vein from the 400-foot level is in progress by hand. The drift has been driven a distance of 30 feet.

IRON MASK.—The Iron Mask is the only mine in the camp that has increased its shipments during the past week. It will increase them still more during the coming week. Work is constantly going on in the east and west drifts on the winze, and good ore bodies are being uncovered.

IRON HORSE.—The double compartment shaft has reached a depth of 225 feet and the work is being pushed. When the shaft reaches a depth of 300 feet crosscutting to the south to tap the ledges, which run through the property, will be commenced.

COMMANDER.—On Wednesday a three-foot vein was met on the 340-foot level. The find is 60 feet from the shaft in the drift. The body has been drifted along for a distance of eight feet and the presumption is that it continues. The ore carries copper and gold. No assays have yet been made.

VIRGINIA.—Crosscutting on the 300- and 500-foot levels continues. On the 500-foot level the crosscut is now in about 350 feet to the south, and on the 500-foot level about 60 feet has been driven. It is anticipated now that it will not be long before the ledge will be tapped in the 500-foot level.

GRANT.—A crosscut is being driven from the 112-foot level. This crosscut is in 18 feet. It is being driven in a southeasterly direction and is now in mineralized rock. Mr. Copen, the president of the company, is in charge of the work.

COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY.—This strong ledge is now being opened up on tunnels Nos. 5 and 4 and 3. During the past two months in tunnel No. 4 a good ore chute has been opened for a length of 200 feet and from one to six feet wide of good grade ore, assaying from \$16 to \$25 in gold.

SILVER BELL.—There are no new developments on the Silver Bell. Work is being concentrated on the crosscut from the bottom of the shaft. The face is in quartz of fine appearance and shows a good deal of mineral, though the ore has not yet been reached.

GREAT WESTERN.—Sinking in the shaft is progressing, and the shaft now shows a considerable body of low grade ore. After cutting out the station at the 300-foot level the shaft will be sunk to the 400-foot level, where the next drifting will be done.

WALLINGFORD.—The tunnel is now in 230 feet and quantities of mineral are

being encountered. It is expected that the ledge will be encountered shortly. Two shifts are still working.

JOSE.—During the coming month the upraise from the 300- to the 100-foot level will be completed. The drift west in the Annie is now being pushed ahead and some ore is being encountered.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.—The shaft is down between 80 and 90 feet and two drills are going all the time. The showing continues to be promising.

SUNSET No. 2.—Work continues on the big crosscut, and it is expected that the ledge will soon be cut.

NICKEL PLATE.—Drifting is going on at the 200-foot level, along both north and south veins.

NOVELTY.—Work continues on the tunnel, which has been driven a little over 200 feet.

VIVE LE PRESIDENT

M. Loubet Elected in France by a Large Majority.

AGITATIONS IN PARIS

The Canaille Turns Out in Force—Nationalist Deputies Threaten to Raise Trouble After M. Faure's Funeral on Thursday.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—From an early hour the stations of the railroad lines leading to Versailles were crowded with people gathered to witness the departure of the deputies and senators. M. DeRoulede arrived by the Lyons railroad, and was met by members of the Patriotic League. Order prevailed at stations where to all appearances there was no special police precautions taken. The first trains took an army of telegraphists and telephonists to Versailles, where the town hall was decorated with flags and draped with crepe. The lamps were lighted and veiled with crepe. The members of the national assembly, viz: senators and deputies, began to assemble at 10 o'clock and to select their seats. M. Loubet, president of the senate and presiding officer, arrived in a carriage at 10 o'clock.

The Assembly Meets.—PARIS, Feb. 18.—The national assembly met at Versailles at 1 o'clock this afternoon, M. Loubet, president of the senate, declaring the sitting open amid the applause of the leftists. The names mentioned as candidates were: Loubet, Meline, Dupuy, DeFroycinet and De Schannel. The voting began with the letter "D" M. Dousette casting the first ballot.

M. Loubet Is Elected.—PARIS, Feb. 18.—M. Loubet was elected by 483 votes against 270 cast for M. Meline.

Dangerous Gatherings of Mobs.—When the news reached Paris a number of gatherings commenced, and soon the streets were in an uproar with a savage Parisian mob in full force. The agitation of the canaille was caused by M. DeRoulede and Drumont and their party. But the authorities say measures have been taken to preserve order.

At Joan of Arc's Statue.—The nationalists gathered about the statue of Joan of Arc and M. DeRoulede made a fiery address to them. The crowd then marched to the boulevard and stopped in front of the Libra Parelle office. There the nationalists yelled themselves hoarse, with cries of "Vive L'armee" and "Spit upon Loubet." The appearance of President Loubet in a carriage was the signal for hostile demonstrations and cries of "Panama, Panama." In opposition to the cries of "Panama" the supporters of the president raised shouts of "Vive Loubet." At that stage of the demonstration a detachment of mounted cuirassiers appeared and cleared a passage for the president's carriage. The noise was then redoubled, and the police had great difficulty in restraining the mob.

Deputies Lead the Mob.—Suddenly M. DeRoulede, Millevoye and Habert appeared. The mob surrounded M. Millevoye, who donned his top hat, which is his usual method of signalling to his friends, and his supporters ranged themselves behind the three deputies, shouting "Down with Loubet," "Resign," and "Panama." When this body of men reached the Palace de L'Opera, there was not a sufficient strong force of police there to bar the way and the demonstrators finally returned to the statue of Joan of Arc, where the deputies mounted upon a sand heap. M. Millevoye then waved a tri-color flag above M. DeRoulede, while the latter harangued the crowd.

Roulede's Violent Speech.—He said: "Listen now what I was prevented from saying at the Versailles election. The president belongs to the people. I rejoice at this manifestation, but today we cannot go to the Elysee and spit upon him whom we have no wish to recognize as chief of the state. We must allow to rest in peace, such as it is, the man who is still lying there, and return home. But on Thursday we shall not fail to attend the funeral ceremonies. You will find among the followers of the coffin the judges of the criminal section of the court of cassation and the base deputies who elected this president whom we do not recognize. You know your duty, down with this republic and long live a republic of the people."

Police Finally Win.—The demonstrators then marched to the Rue Des Pyramides, shouting and flaunting tri-colors. The police attempted to stop them and tried to seize the flags, but the mob resisted, and finally retreated to the Avenue d'Opera, where a large force of police was stationed in front of the military club. The detachment of police succeeded in dispersing the demonstrators, a down-pour of rain assisting in the work. As the evening passed there were a number of slight manifestations for and against President Loubet, but the people generally were calm. The streets were crowded, and the latest editions of evening papers were immediately bought up.

Charles Silx, who was run over by a sleigh during the winter carnival, and whose leg was fractured thereby, is recovering rapidly, and will be discharged from the doctor's care in a few days.



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