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English Syndicate Agrees to Pay \$250,000 For the Mine.

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Price Is Satisfactory, Provided a Forfeit of \$100,000 Is Posted Forthwith—Dividend of \$25,000 to Be Declared Despite Heavy Expenses.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 19.—[Special].—Another cablegram was received by the Le Roi company from London late today containing an offer for the mine. While none of the directors would divulge any information, it is understood that the offer made was \$250,000. It is also said that the directors at the meeting agreed to accept it, providing \$100,000 forfeit was deposited in the Bank of Montreal at Rossland.

The Le Roi company will have paid out \$36,000 for new machinery and in salaries at the close of the present month, but notwithstanding this fact the directors state that another dividend of \$25,000 will be declared on February 27. This will bring the total of dividends up to \$325,000.

AN EXPORT DUTY ON LOGS

Canadian Government Will Probably Retaliate In That Manner.

Laurier Understood to Resent Bitterly the Attitude of the United States On the Tariff and Labor.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—It is generally understood here that in the event of the reimposition of the United States tariff of the old McKinley duty of \$2 a thousand on lumber, Canada will retaliate by putting an export duty on logs. Neither Laurier nor any of the Dominion ministers has openly made that declaration, but in response to a question on the subject asked with reference to the proposed more stringent anti-alien legislation at Washington, Mr. Laurier has very emphatically declared that the Canadian government will retaliate in kind in every instance where it appears that hostility to Canada is aimed at across the line.

It is claimed that the raising of the duty on lumber by the United States, if followed by the imposition of an export duty on logs by Canada, will prove a serious blow to many mills in the United States, especially in Michigan, where many mills are operated almost exclusively on logs towed across Georgian bay from the Canadian side.

RETRIBUTION IN KIND.

Windsor People Would Heavily Tax Detroit's Natural Gas Supply.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 19.—The citizens of Windsor, Ontario, are agitating a movement for the enactment of a law for an export duty on natural gas as a means of retaliating against the amendment of Representative Corliss of this city to the immigration bill, which is designed to prohibit residents of Canada from working on this side. An export duty would shut off Detroit's natural gas supply.

He Wants to Retaliate.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 19.—Mr. McGregor, M. P. for Windsor, is here, seeking an interview with the government in regard to the alien labor law. If the United States puts the Corliss bill in force then he wants Canada to be prepared for it and to give Uncle Sam a dose of his own medicine.

THE CORLISS AMENDMENT

Mass Meeting of Americans Petitions the President to Veto It.

Denounced as a Disgrace to Civilization—Hewitt Against Retaliation and the Chinese.

The meeting of Americans to protest against the Corliss amendment, held Friday in Dominion hall, was one of the most successful gatherings held in the city for some weeks. It was characteristically American in the manner of its proceedings, yet among the large crowd from over the border were a number of representative Canadians. These came merely to listen, but before the resolutions were adopted there was a call for a Canadian expression of opinion, followed by cries for "Hewitt."

E. L. Clark called the meeting to order and Dr. Randall was elected president and D. D. McClure secretary. Dr. Randall, in a brief speech explaining the object of the meeting, said that it did seem, as they were here enjoying the hospitality of Canadians on Canadian soil, with large business interests so intimately intermingled with those of this country, considerable weight ought to be attached to their petition to the president. Secretary McClure was called upon for a speech, but he merely expressed an earnest opinion that the president should be petitioned.

E. L. Clark said the Americans had thought some time ago of coming together to express themselves upon the labor law, but it was never expected that the United States congress would pass such a law as that now awaiting the president's signature. It was the only time in history that, owing to depression in the United States, her citizens have had to emigrate, and yet just at this moment a law was passed that would sever the amity of the country they were in that has been growing for generations. He then read the protest against this

law prepared by the committee. It was as follows:

To His EXCELLENCY, GROVER CLEVELAND, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Whereas, it has pleased the American congress to pass an alien labor law, containing a clause known as the Corliss amendment, which is especially directed against the wage earners of Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved by the undersigned American citizens, residents of Rossland, representing a large number of the 25,000 American residents of British Columbia:

First. That the Corliss amendment is un-American, a disgrace to civilization, and if allowed to become a law can only result in the destruction of that mutual good fellowship now generally existing among the people of both countries.

Second. That many thousands of American citizens are now residents of, and heavily interested in the development of the newly discovered gold and silver mines of British Columbia, where the most cordial relations possible exist between the citizens of the two countries.

Third. That the western states of America no longer offer attraction for emigrants on account of the prevailing depression in business, and the vast deposits of the precious metals recently discovered in British Columbia and the Northwest part of the United States, and now being exploited, promise to do more towards relieving the congested condition of the labor market in both countries in the near future than all other resources combined.

Therefore your petitioners respectfully request that you exercise your prerogative as the Chief executive of the great republic on earth, by refusing to sign the said alien labor bill recently passed by congress and return it with your veto.

A motion was made and seconded that the protest be adopted, but a man in the audience, who declined to give his name, insisted that the words "a disgrace to civilization" be struck out.

He was cheered at intervals and his amendment found a seconder, but Mr. Clark was called upon and in a passionate speech held that it was not the only disgraceful legislation that the American congress had passed, and that but for some of its disgraceful legislation those present would now be in their own land. This was immensely cheered, and was Mr. Clark's clever showing from history that the Corliss amendment was a return to the narrow minded prejudices of the dark days of barbarism.

R. Marsh ably followed Mr. Clark, and said that after an experience of the liberal laws of Canada they felt a double right to protest against such legislation.

The amendment was voted down with a shout, and a Canadian being called for Edward Hewitt made the longest and ablest speech of the evening. He did not believe in shutting out any white men, and trusted the Canadian parliament would have common sense enough not to attempt retaliation, but leave this country the freest on earth. He did, however, object to the Chinese, as they never became citizens.

The protest was then passed and immediately signed, and its purport telegraphed to President Cleveland. About 130 signed the petition last night, and many other signatures will be obtained before it is mailed to Washington, D. C., on Monday.

SOONERS CAUSE TROUBLE

This Action May Delay Opening of Colville Reservation to Miners.

Government Officers Said to Have Put Up a Scheme to Secure the Choicest Locations.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 19.—[Special].—The action of the sooners in rushing into the south half of the Colville reservation for the purpose of locating choice claims in advance of the opening, is liable to result in delaying, if not defeating altogether, the efforts being made to have this valuable mining district opened to prospectors and mining men, as will be seen from the following telegram received in this city today by a personal friend of Senator Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A telegram to the New York Tribune says sooners have been rushing into the reservation in violation of law, and the same has been called to my attention. I fear if they do not cease and leave the reservation it will cause the defeat of the amendment. All citizens of eastern Washington are interested and should see to it that nothing is done that will cause the defeat of the legislation they desire. (Signed) J. W. WILSON.

From a reliable source comes the report that to the men holding official positions under the government in this city and state is largely due the present in advance of the reservation. It is said that number of these officials have previously made excursions into the south half of the reservation for the purpose of making secret locations of the richest mineral ledges in order to lose no time in hunting out good ones.

It is now said that the government officials have sent men into the reservation with instructions to guard these secret locations with force if necessary, and as a further precaution to get word to these men, it is reported that these government servants have secured a monopoly on the means of transportation across the Columbia river, which forms the southern boundary of the reservation, whereby they can prevent the rush of intruders from crossing over until the syndicate have had ample time to make good their locations in advance of the crowd lawfully awaiting permission from the government to go upon the reservation.

It seems to be a repetition of the tactics adopted at the throwing open of the north half of the reservation last year, only on a larger scale.

THE COLVILLE RESERVATION.

Senate Committee Accepts Wilson's Amendment to Open the South Half.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—[Special].—A Washington, D. C., special today advised the committee in charge of the Indian appropriation bill has adopted the amendment introduced by Senator John L. Wilson, throwing open the south half of the Colville Indian reservation to mineral entry. There is every prospect that with the passage of the bill the amendment will be adopted.

There was a strong effort made by Senator Wilson to include the Spokane Indian reservation in the amendment, but it was unsuccessful. Senator Wilson, however, has obtained a promise from the committee that they will take it up at the next session. It is possible that the Spokane reservation will be opened some time this spring or summer.

Some time relating to the south half of the Colville reservation provides that it shall be thrown open to mineral location on the approval of the secretary of the interior.

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"Ledge No. 1, as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 500 feet. Some fifteen to twenty tons of ore are lying on the several dumps, a certified assay of which gives \$207.45 per ton of which \$201 is gold and \$6.45 is silver and though picked specimens which I have examined would evidently give many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of \$200.00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe fully \$200 to the ton."

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the company has not been incorporated as a mere "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other assays obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given \$56, \$294, \$300, \$446, \$9,800, and \$17,750 to the ton.

The brokers for this company thought so much of the property after making most searching investigations, that they purchased for themselves a large block of the stock, consequently all the men that can be employed are now working on the property. Estimates for the machinery required are now being invited. 50,000 shares only of the treasury stock are now offered for sale at 25 cents, 10,000 of which will be sold here, and the balance in the east.

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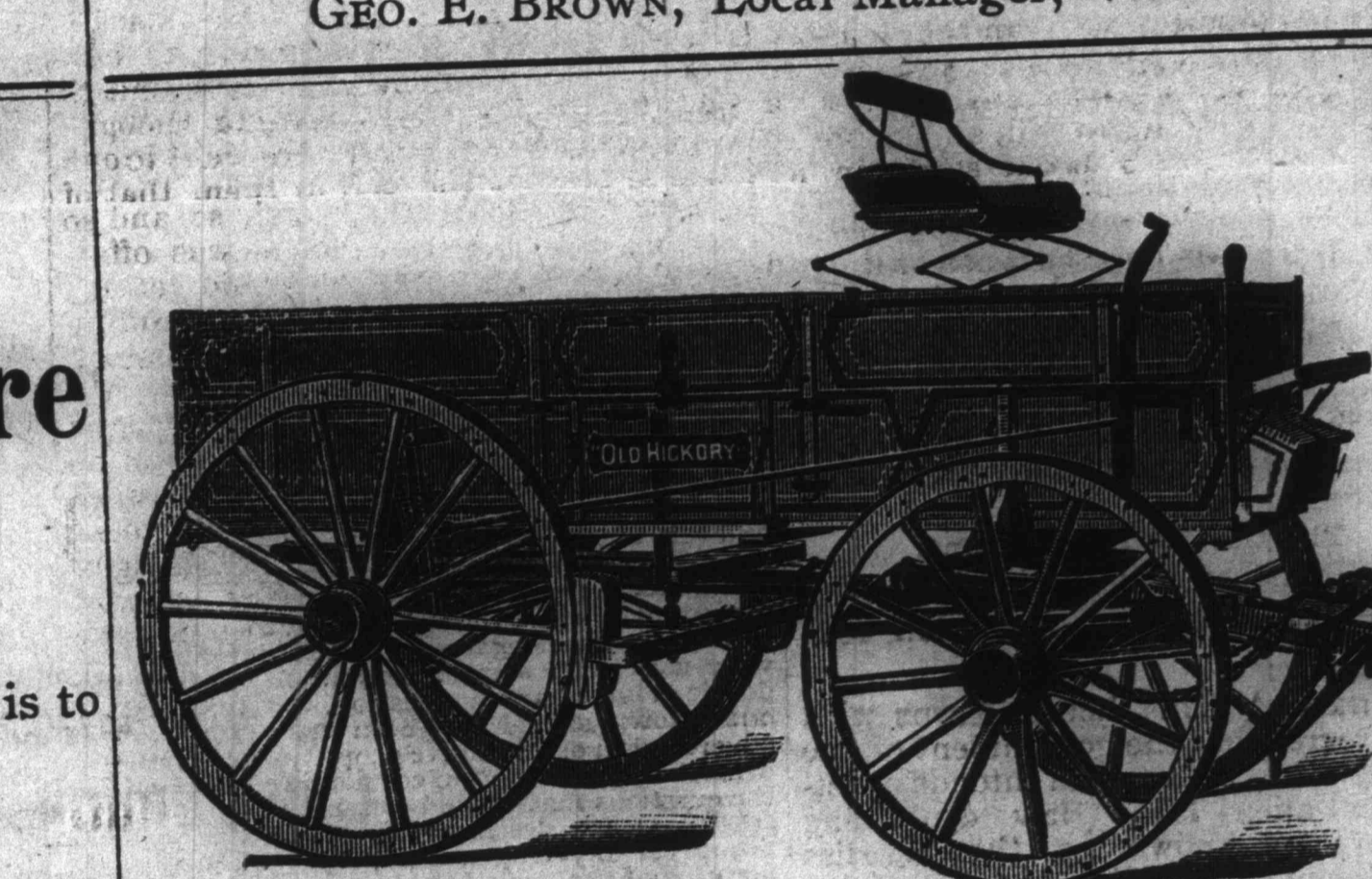
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