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VELVET IS A MINE

A Seven-Foot Deposit Found in the South Drift.

A WONDERFUL SHOWING

There is Considerable Stopping Ground Now, and Soon There Will Be More. A Spur from the Red Mountain Will Soon be a Necessity.

J. L. Morrish, superintendent of the Velvet, is in the city on a visit from Sophie mountain. He reports that the big ore body which was mentioned recently in the paper as having been encountered in the north drift has been found in the south drift. In the north drift the ore body was found 171 feet from the tunnel, and at the end of a crosscut run a distance of 39 feet. At this point the ledge was 10 feet wide. The south drift had been run a distance of 102 feet, and then a crosscut was made of forty-two feet. Here the ledge was encountered, and though it has not been entirely crosscut it was known to be seven feet in width when Mr. Morrish left the Velvet property yesterday morning. It is thought to be still wider. These two finds show that there is an ore body that is 273 feet in length and 160 feet in depth that will average at least four feet in width. Late assays from the new find show that it runs \$50 in gold and 12 per cent copper, or about \$50 in all values. Some of the ore was shown by Mr. Morrish yesterday, and it is fine looking, apparently carrying large quantities of copper. The shaft on the Velvet is now down a distance of 243 feet. When a depth of 260 feet has been attained the intention is to crosscut in order to strike the ore body at that depth. Mr. Morrish says there is considerable stopping ground now, and it will not long before there will be a great deal more. The Velvet is now a mine. What will be next needed will be a spur from the Red Mountain railway. With the development of the Velvet and the Victory-Triumph, and the other properties in that vicinity there will be plenty of tonnage for the smelter.

BEHRING SEAL FISHERIES

United States Revenue Cutters Will Probably Go to Behring Sea.

The Paris Tribunal Provided For Such Means of Preventing Illegal Seal Fishing.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—In an interview on the failure of the American-Canadian high commission to come to an agreement on the subject of the seal fisheries, the treasury department is considering the question of dispatching one or more revenue cutters to Behring sea to protect the interests of the United States on the part of both the British and American governments and in accordance with the provisions of the Paris tribunal of arbitration. The tribunal also provided that the regulations prepared thereunder may be changed after a certain number of years; and the treasury officials have called on the state department for a statement as to the diplomatic situation before taking any action.

QUEEN'S COUNSELS.

The Provincial Government Confers the Honor With Impartiality.

Victoria, March 8.—The Gazette will announce the creation of queen's counsels under the act passed at the last session of the legislature. It authorized the appointment immediately as queen's counsel, of any ex or present attorney-general and five other members of the provincial bar. The present members of the order of precedence, are as follows: Attorney-General Eberts, Attorney-General Martin, Charles Wilson, E. V. Bodwell, W. J. Taylor, E. P. Davis and A. H. McNeill of Rossland. During the debate on the bill the government stated that appointments would not be made for political reasons. The opposition ridiculed that statement, but the creation now announced, bear it out. Besides the present attorney-general, three of the new counsels oppose the present government, while three supported it. Of the seven, three are liberals and four conservatives.

Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, has resigned his office.

A Hero's Death.

Newport, March 8.—Intelligence of the sinking of the tug James Bowen, with 12 persons on board, and the loss of the second mate of the German steamship Albano on Tuesday afternoon, while heroically leading a life crew to the rescue of the mud barge Admiral, was brought by Captain Koch of the Albano, which entered the harbor this afternoon. The Bowen having the barge in tow, was caught in the gale and sprung a leak. The Albano sighted the barge in distress and after a hard battle with the waves, succeeded in taking off the captain and crew of the sinking barge. The second mate was washed overboard while making the rescue.

PREPARED TO APOLOGISE.

China Has Offered to Make Amends For Discourtesy to Italy.

Rome, March 8.—The Tribune says it learns that the Chinese government has offered to the Italian minister, Signor Martino, a written apology through Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Peking, for the terms in which Tung-Li-Yamen couched China's refusal to grant the refusal of this week. The second mate of the Italian vessel, recently demanded by Italy, of San Man bay, province of Chekiang, to be used as an Italian naval base and coaling station.

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

W. F. Robinson Resigns the Place of Sheriff of Kootenay.

The Gap of Road Between Nelson and Kootenay Landing is Soon to be Constructed.

W. F. Robinson, Sheriff of South Kootenay, has sent to Attorney-General Martin his resignation of the office. A short time ago Mr. Robinson was a deputy sheriff and as such received a monthly salary. Then came his appointment as sheriff, and the salary disappeared. Mr. Robinson found that the fees he received were not sufficient to remunerate him for his time and outlay of money in connection with the position. The sheriff was therefore, something of the nature of an honorary position, and Mr. Robinson eventually considered it. He said nothing, however, until his ire was aroused by the receipt of a letter from the attorney-general, complaining that he failed to keep a deputy at Kaslo. Then he set down and wrote a letter tendering his resignation. He wants the resignation to take place not later than the end of the present month. Revestice has been incorporated a city. W. D. Brewster, who is accused of embezzling the funds of the C. P. R. while acting as station agent at Trail, is still in jail, as he has been unable to procure bail. If he can procure bail he will wait for the assizes, and if not will demand a speedy trial.

It is expected when the spring break-up comes that nearly as many men will be required on the construction of the Columbia & Western as in November and December. It took 4,500 bank checks for the December pay-roll and somewhat less for January. February required about 3,000. It would seem that the government have decided not to build the jail at Vernon, giving an excuse that they consider that such an institution is not necessary at that point.

E. J. Scovill, champion amateur skater of B. C., defeated Augustine by one lap in Nelson recently. It is believed that Scovill will be sent to Montreal next winter to represent British Columbia in the annual championships there.

The Greenwood Times says that too many men are now seeking employment in that locality, and that miners and laboring men generally are not needed there at present.

J. C. Hodge, superintendent of the Nelson & Vernon Telephone company, is in Greenwood to arrange for the installation of the local system. A dispatch from Cascaz City says: The postmortem examination on the remains of Lanote Cassato, the Italian laborer who was brutally murdered some weeks ago on the Brooklyn wagon near Christina lake was held recently by Dr. G. M. Foster of Greenwood. The examination revealed the fact that the victim had received no less than 12 different wounds before he fell and was left to freeze and die. Nearly all the wounds were in different parts of the head. The jury deliberated only about 10 minutes and gave the verdict expected, that Cassato came to his death at the hands of some person or persons unknown.

Greenwood people are clamoring for a custom house. The Canadian Pacific will soon have a problem to face, either in the reconstruction of the Otterfall bridge or the divergence of the road to escape the big gulch. This is an old problem and has often been discussed, but now that all the wooden structures on the main line in East Kootenay are being replaced by the substantial bridges, the problem has again come up. The divergence of the road would not only avoid the reconstruction of the bridge, but get rid of the heavy incline up the big hill. The divergence would commence where the west of Otterfall station, and practically follow the bed of the Kicking Horse river to near Field Station.

Edward Wood, an old timer living near the iron bridge on the Bow river, east of Calgary, was found dead in his shack a few days ago. It is supposed that the unfortunate man must have taken a fit and tipped over a coal oil lamp, as the front portion of his body was severely burnt.

An effort is being made to secure the services of Thomas Kinahan in teaching the raw material in the Nelson company of Kootenay. Kinahan is a man of active service, but he hesitates at the prospect which the new enlistment has in store for him.

The Bedford & Nelson terminals have been located at Kuskook, and Contractor Carlson has a large force at work upon them. This will be increased to 500 men as soon as they can be obtained, and it is hoped to have the road completed to the C. N. P. crossing, a distance of about three miles, within the next two months. The Crown's Nest Pass railway has applied for running privileges over this portion of the Bedford & Nelson, and the inhabitants of Kuskook need not be surprised to wake up about April morning and find a train in town.

Still another writ for damages has been issued against the C. P. R. This one is on behalf of Mrs. Martin Gilles of Etobicoke, for \$25,000. She claims that owing to the negligence of the company her husband lost his life while working on the Crown's Nest railway.

The Nelson Miner says: "Within six weeks the work of constructing the Crown's Nest Pass line from Kootenay Landing to Nelson will begin. This is the information given the Miner by a gentleman who is in the city at the present time and who is in a position to know whereof he speaks. He brings the information direct from the C. P. R. officials at Montreal. His name is not named at his request. It is the intention, this gentleman says, to rush the work just as rapidly as possible, and to have the line into Nelson completed before the snow flies next fall.

The total production of coke in February at the Perte oven was 2,000 tons, which is pretty near the maximum capacity of the ovens, and it must be remembered that February is a short month, too.

Following is the report of the customs receipts and shipments in the Nelson district for the month of February.

IMPORTS.	
Total import value.....	\$25,615 00
Free import value.....	1,865 00
Total import value.....	\$27,480 00
Duties collected.....	\$7,721 55
THE MINE, ORES, 225 TONS.....	
Animals and their products.....	14,063 00
Manufactures.....	1,043 00
Total exports.....	\$15,941 00

For the Benefit of Newspaper Men. Trenton, N. J., March 8.—It is said that within a year, if all goes well, this state will be inhabited principally by newspaper men. A house yesterday passed Assemblyman Klein's bill regulating the hours and labors of reporters and editors. It provides that these individuals shall work eight hours a day, the compensation for which shall not be less than \$8. An amendment to the bill provides that all reporters and editors shall be allowed two hours for lunch each day. The dream of the newspaper men interested will likely be blighted when the bill reaches the senate.

Visitors to Gotham.

New York, March 8.—All indications point to a record breaking crowd being in the St. Nicholas skating rink on Friday and Saturday evenings. The rink will be open when the famous Victoria hockey club of Montreal, will be seen in their second annual visit to this city.

IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Owing to the Spring Thaw Work is Somewhat Retarded.

BUT NOT IN EVERY CAMP

The Showings in Each of the Kootenay Districts Are Getting Brighter With the Opening of the Prospecting Season, and Hopes Are High.

Spring is now coming rapidly in British Columbia, and the roads are suffering in consequence, so that in some parts of the Kootenays development work has to be temporarily stopped. In other parts where the season opens early prospecting has already commenced and the old-timers have their grub stake on their maules or cayuses and are starting in to do the best they can to develop the country and incidentally to better themselves. Below will be found the reports of the condition of the various districts.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

On the Noonday the showing continues encouraging. Ore is being sacked as it is taken out. The Jackson, another Whitewater property, has sent down 194 tons of ore since the first of the year.

The Payne last week shipped 300 tons, making 1,740 tons for that great property since January 1st.

The Whitewater is doing better. Six car-loads were shipped last week, bringing the total to the first of January up to 483 tons. Shipments from the Last Chance continue big. Last week 140 tons were sent down. Since the first of the year this property has shipped 880 tons.

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Work on the March Bird will be started in a few days. This property adjoining the Pinch of the Mother Lode group, and has a strong quartz ledge showing, carrying good values in silver and small in gold.

Work is progressing favorably on the Royal of the Mother Lode group. The ledge has been shown up by a 30-foot tunnel, and the ore is of a most encouraging nature. The owners, Messrs. Ray et al., of Vancouver, have a local representative, who is directing the work.

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Things are looking exceedingly well at the Queen Bess mine under G. N. Brown's management. They are now in ore 100 feet in the lower tunnel, showing improvement as depth is reached. About the same time the property was bought by the Canadian group back at the Ruth, of which W. H. Brandon is manager, is in luck. Recently while driving in the lower tunnel of the Adams group a seam of some 12 feet of pure galena was encountered at a depth of 700 feet. We take it this means a fortune for both the Ontario people and the Adams Company, whose properties are contiguous.

One of the most promising strikes of the season has just been made by Cory and Foster on the Palmito and Queen Bess lead just below the Palmito lines. The lead at this point is over 40 feet in width, and three feet of ore has just been put in. The vein is just being pushed at, and continues at this vein, and justifies both the Palmito company and Cory and Foster in their opinion that they have one of the best in Slocan. Work is being pushed at as fast as possible on both properties, and further development will be watched with great interest.

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Slocan Ore Shipments. The shipments of ore from the Slocan division during the week ending March 3 were as follows:

Payne.....	230
Last Chance.....	140
Whitewater.....	80
Jackson.....	80
Queen Bess.....	91
Montrose.....	42
Total.....	603

TROUT LAKE.

A strike has been made on the Nettie L. says the Sandon Mining Recorder, which may make it one of the biggest mines in the Trout Lake district. A crosscut tunnel has been run

to tap the vein at a depth of over 100 feet. In running this tunnel, and when in about 100 feet, two leads were encountered which did not appear on the surface, each containing a considerable quantity of mineral. The first of these blind leads was eight feet thick, and the second five feet, the latter of these carrying a streak two feet thick of a fair grade of ore. After these veins and continuing the crosscut or the main ledge, nothing was encountered until in over 100 feet, when a body of magnetic iron seven feet in thickness was met and run through. Lying next to this was two and one-half feet of carbonates, then a layer of steel galena two inches thick, and finally the latest strike of 18 inches of solid galena and gray copper.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

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A ROAD THAT IS NEEDED

It Would Open the Sophie and Record Mountain Sections.

It Would Start From Silica and By Easy Grades Reach the Velvet in a Distance of 8 Miles.

The country around Sophie and Record mountains is coming to the front as a mining section. There are for certain 200 mines there, the Velvet and the Victory-Triumph, and there are several other properties that are sure to become ore producers. There is great need of a wagon road as it costs considerable to get supplies to these properties. Take the Wallingford group on Record mountain, as an example; for small lots of provisions an supplies the charge for packing them from this city to this group is eight cents per pound and for larger lots six cents. Twenty-two hundred pounds of supplies were dispatched to the Wallingford group on Tuesday at a cost of six cents per pound. The cost of getting in heavy machinery is something enormous. James E. Cranston of the Anaconda Mining company, has partially slashed out a road which, it is claimed, by most of the parties interested, would just be the proper one to open up the section under consideration. The proposed road should start at Silica and run north for a short distance. Then it should swing around the south-eastern slope of O. K. mountain. Then it should be built for a mile and a half along the banks of little Sheep creek in a northerly direction and hence by a good grade to the foot of Record mountain. Thence it could pass along past the Wallingford and Anaconda groups, past the Walrus group and finally to the Velvet and Victory-Triumph. Its total length would be about eight miles to the Velvet, against 11 miles by the present roundabout route. This would be the main trunk road and lateral roads could be constructed from the several properties. For instance, a road a mile and a half in length would have to be constructed in order to connect the Wallingford group with this proposed highway. It is claimed on behalf of this proposed road that it would tap all the leading properties. It would also give the miners an opportunity to market their ores at the Silica reduction works. It is claimed that the cost of its construction, so that good-sized loads could be hauled over it, would not exceed \$300,000. The road would tap the mines to much greater advantage than would be the case if a road were constructed from Barney's ranch into the Sophie and Record mountain sections. The road from Barney's ranch to the Velvet alone would be nearly as long as the one from Silica and besides this a road constructed from Barney's ranch would make the distance to the Velvet mine twice as long from Rossland as it would be by the proposed road by way of Silica. The question of the construction of this road out of the funds available for the road building in this division should be looked into by the authorities who have the disbursing of this road fund in hand.

THE ORO FINO MINES.

A Stamp Mill Will Soon Be Installed Upon Them.

Through the kindness of James H. Young, the resident agent of the Dozies company, the report of the superintendent of the Oro Fino Mines, limited, is furnished. The property of this company are located near Fairview. Mr. Young is one of the largest stockholders in this company. Among other things the superintendent says: "The No. 2 tunnel on the Oro Fino ledge, which was on February 9th in a distance of 86 feet, and proved the ledge to be four feet wide at that point, assaying 47.50 per ton with as now (the 18th instant), 110 feet, shown the ledge to be eight feet wide. The ore is high grade, and entirely free milling. The ledge is strong and solid within well-defined walls, so far as visible. As development work progresses, the favorable predictions made by Mr. Pelletier, F. C. S., M. E., who examined this property last summer, being verified, and so far exceed expectations. There can be very little doubt now, but that the main ledge has been encountered, and that it is as Manager Robinson says, "most beautiful and promising," and "so big that its extent is so far unknown." The machinery for the stamp mill for this property is at Vernon, waiting for navigation to open on the lake to Penticton. The William Hamilton Manufacturing company of Peterboro, Ontario, which has the contract for furnishing the mill, expects to have it running on April 15th next, in the terms of the contract."

Rossland Railway Service.

Editor Miner:—You were good enough to publish my letter dealing with the inconveniences to which travellers are subjected on the Trail branch of the C. P. R. I gave my own personal experience and as I wish to be strictly accurate and to put the blame on the proper shoulders, I will trouble you to set one little point, which might possibly do an injustice to the Columbia Transfer company, right. The baggage checks held by me were on that company, and hence would not be accepted by the other carriers to whom I tendered them. I had overlooked the fact that I gave my original checks in exchange for the transfer company's coupons. Now did I wish to imply that the charge, \$1, for handling my baggage was exorbitant. I rather thought it moderate, considering the number of pieces. It is against the railway company, not the transfer company, that I prefer my charges. Yours,

WOMAN'S WRONGS.

Nine Persons Drowned.

Brest, France, March 8.—News has been received here of the capsizing of a pleasure yacht off the Brittany coast, drowning nine persons, among them five French military officers.

THE STOCK MARKET

There Were Some Large Orders From the East.

RATHMULLENS LIVELY

Control of the Novelty Has Been Purchased by the Montreal Gold Fields Syndicate—Iron Colts Fall Off a Point—Morrisons Are Moving.

There were a couple of days during the week that ended last week that were quiet in stock circles, but the other days were exceedingly lively, and this made the week as a whole about up to the average. One feature of the week was the large orders received for several of the stocks of the leading companies, and the large number of the shares of some of the cheaper grades of stocks that were sold. In point of numbers Rathmullens easily led the procession, and conservative estimates are that 200,000 shares changed hands. That is, in some instances, the same block of stock changed hands several times, and were counted in order to make up the 200,000 shares. On Tuesday two firms of brokers received orders for 75,000 shares each. These could not be entirely filled, and by last night about all the available shares for sale were cleaned up in this market. Insiders are purchasing the shares and then there were some who bought expecting to make a quick turn. These shares advanced from 3 -- 0 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents during the week. It is understood that a market is to be made for these shares in both Toronto and Montreal, and the insiders doubtless expect to realize a good profit on their investments.

Control of the Novelty has been purchased by the Montreal Gold Fields syndicate and the capital stock of the company from Phil Aspinwall, M. R. Gushan and John A. Finch at the rate of three cents per share. As the capital stock of the Novelty Mining company is \$1,000,000 in 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each, this three cents per share would make an actual cost of the property \$30,000. The purchasers, therefore, paid a little over \$15,000 for the control and are presuming that the Montreal Gold Fields syndicate and its friends are still purchasing shares so as to secure a two-third majority, which is essential to make the full transfer of the property to the syndicate. It is said that it will be paid to the Gettridge and Coxey, adjoining properties, owned by the syndicate. These three properties will form a strong group.

There has been a brisk demand for Canadian Gold Fields syndicates, and they have advanced from 5 to 9 cents. This is caused by the strike made recently in the property. Evening Stars have been selling at 10 1/2 to 11 cents, and there is a good demand for them. There have been some transactions in Iron Horses during the week locally. On Tuesday there was a sale of 10,000 shares on the Toronto board at 17 1/2 cents.

Iron Colts have fallen off a little during the week. They were worth 20 1/2 cents and have fallen to 19 1/2. This was to be expected when it is known that the shares advanced from 10 to 20 cents per share in a couple of days. Okanagan Free Golds are in fair demand at 15 cents. There are buying orders for all of these shares offered under the market price. Considerable of these shares have changed hands during the week. Rambler-Cariboes are changing hands some locally. There were sales on the Toronto board during the week at 11 cents. Morrisons are lively sellers at 18 cents. Lone Pines are fairly steady at 38 cents.

There has been considerable demand for Republics, and under this they have risen from \$2.90 to \$3.15. There was one order received from Toronto for 10,000 shares. It is evident that there is a movement on foot to either sell the control or to place the shares on the exchanges. Some brokers go so far as to say that a Toronto syndicate will soon be in control of the Republics. There seems to be a bear movement on the part of Jim Blaines down in price. The insiders are evidently in the deal. These shares should be advancing, as the ledge should soon be uncovered. The closer the workings get to the ledge the lower the price of the shares. They are worth about 45 cents.

Cariboes (Camp McKinney) are sagging a little. They have fallen from \$1.70 to \$1.60. Dundees are selling for 34 @ 35, and there is quite a good market for them. Fairmonts are being inquired for around 10 cents. Monarchs are selling for 7 cents. There is a call from London for Sarah Lees and they are selling for 7 1/2 cents. Winniegs are selling around 27 @ 28 cents. Brandon and Golden Crowns are in demand at 32 cents.

Sixty thousand of the promoters' shares of the American Eagle Gold Mining company were disposed of during the week. The price was 1 1/2 cents