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## MINERALS AND MINING.

### Great Showing on the Mascot—Rich Ore in the Mayflower—Sophie Mountain.

### Compressor for the Commander—Salmon River Claims—Monte Cristo in Solid Ore.

(From the Rossland Miner.)  
In the Snowdrop a tunnel has been started on the ledge that shows a full face of quartz from which assays ranging from \$8 to \$12 have been obtained.

No. 1 shaft in the California has six inches of clean ore, and there is more or less ore through the entire bottom. No. 2 shaft on the new north and south vein has some ore, and everything points to the near approach to a solid body. In the lower tunnel there are two feet of beautiful quartz all heavily mineralized. The face is improving every day.

There is no longer any room to doubt that the Jumbo is a great mine. A solid body of pay ore has been developed 10 or 12 feet wide, and at least 125 feet long and over 100 feet high.

A new ledge from eight to ten feet wide has been found on the south end of the Red Mountain. The discovery was made through float found in the drift in which an excavation was being made for the new compressor plant. This excavation is within a thousand feet of the War Eagle north side ledge and very close to the Mugwump ground.

A strike is reported in the Ivanhoe shaft, which is down about 35 feet, and a crosscut tunnel has been driven in 100 feet to cut the ledge and connect with the shaft. Early this week 18 inches of ore were opened up in the bottom of the shaft. The ore is the ordinary iron sulphide streaked with gray quartz. An assay showed \$10 per ton. The ledge is five feet wide and the walls well defined.

After being put down 32 feet No. 2 shaft in the Phoenix has two feet of clean shipping ore in the bottom, and a drift has been started to the west into the hill on the vein, which now shows an exposure from the start two feet of absolutely clean fine-grained pyrrhotite. This ore carries very little copper, but averages over \$30 per ton in gold.

The Caledonia tunnel has resumed work on its very promising prospect. Superintendent Scaffold of the Evening Star has been retained to direct the work. A shaft house is being erected over the shaft, and the shaft bailed out of the sinking will be resumed. The Caledonia company's ground lies in the angle between the Evening Star and Silvermine on the west, the Georgia and the North Star on the south and east. It shows at least one good vein from which high assays have been obtained.

Some very fine looking ore has been brought into town from the Double Standard and Great Republic on the Northport wagon road, near Clark's camp. Both claims are on the Colville Indian reservation. The Double Standard adjoins the international boundary line on the south and the Great Republic is next to it.

The Mayflower No. 2, on Deer Park mountain, between the Goldhunter group on the southeast and the White Bear and St. Paul on the northwest, has been purchased by John Coates, president of the Ottawa Gas Company, for \$9,000 cash. The claim is considered a very promising one and is undoubtedly traversed by several strong veins.

There is a great showing of ore on the Mascot. At a depth of 20 feet the ore body has widened to fully five feet of very clean, fine looking ore. Superintendent Williams has also started work in the old Eldorado tunnel which was in about 70 feet. He has driven it about 25 feet further and Tuesday evening had a full face of ore, a magnificent showing.

The Butte shaft is down forty feet. The quartz strata has widened to two feet and is still swelling. Much of the material is sufficiently well mineralized with copper and iron pyrites to be called ore, and good looking ore at that. The hanging wall is well defined.

The new five-drill compressor for the Commander has arrived and is being put in place. It is from the Canadian Band Drill Company. The bottom of the shaft is again in mixed copper ore, although no attempt has been made to follow the ore in sinking. The ore is perhaps the finest ore ever taken from the mine, and a solid body is expected at any time.

The strike on the Ivanhoe is very important, since it has claim on all the district on Sophie mountain. The strike shows that there is ore on Sophie mountain and it carries at least a fair value in gold.

A very pretty ledge of quartz has just been opened on the Norway, a claim lying on the east base of O.K. mountain, a few thousand feet south of the O.K. mine. One assay showed \$5 in gold. This is very encouraging. It is a free milling quartz, resembling closely the O.K. ore, with the exception that no galena or copper pyrites can yet be observed.

On Saturday the Old Hundred and Wednesday mineral claims were purchased from the original owners by Reddin & Jackson and E. J. Walker for \$7,000, practically cash. The property consists of twenty-nine acres lying between the Nest Egg, Sunset and Tuesday miners claims. It is on Deer Park mountain, about half a mile from the business centre of Rossland. The claim is very promising. Most of the work done is on the Old Hundred, which has a nice showing of good ore in prospecting shaft. Both veins on the Nest Egg undoubtedly run through the ground which also catches some other leads on which but little work has been done as yet, from the Goldhunter group.

Dr. Campbell and E. Houchy have an interest in four claims on Salmon river, midway between Waneta and Nelson, from which some very rich ore has been taken. The particular claim from which the ore comes is the Tamarack. An

opening only six feet deep shows a good body of ore from which assays running up to \$284 and \$410 in gold have been made.

Work has now begun on the St. Paul under the management of Moynihan & Campbell. The shaft is already down 20 feet, and some very good looking quartz carrying very pretty copper pyrites has been found. The indications are very favorable for the finding of a solid ore body in a short time.

The San Francisco is the scene of the latest strike. E. D. Martin, one of the principal owners, decided to endeavor to trace the ledge opened in a shaft on the Mariposa, just beyond the San Francisco's west line. The miners were directed to proceed stripping the vein up the hill to the west. This they did exposing the capping of a vein 12 to 15 feet in width for a distance of 100 feet.

Both tunnels of the Monte Cristo are in solid ore, the force of miners has been increased, and it is believed they have almost reached shipping ore.

A company which has been working along quietly but effectively in the Eastern Star Gold Mining company. It owns the Falu, a claim situated between Rock and Murphy creeks, and about a mile northeast of the Highland. At a depth of only seven feet they went through a fine ore body showing iron and quartz.

A strike of very rich ore has been made in the Mayflower. The tunnel on the south vein was down 64 feet last Wednesday and for several days before there had been 12 inches of ore in the bottom which ran about 170 ounces in silver and \$13 in gold, giving a total value of about \$14 per ton. This is probably the richest ore, taking it on the average, ever found in the camp.

Mayflower ore several weeks ago gave a total value of \$56 per ton. It will be seen, therefore, at a depth of 64 feet the ore has more than doubled in value.

For the past two weeks the Walters company, controlling one-half of the Gold Hunter group, has had a force of men at work prospecting the property on the surface. Last week seven samples taken from five openings occurring at intervals throughout perhaps two thousand feet of ground along the course of two veins gave the following interesting results: No. 1, 27.70 per cent. copper, 5 ounces of silver; No. 2, 100 ounces of gold or \$41.15 per ton; No. 3, 4.4-10 per cent. copper, 2 ounces of silver, \$12.60 gold per ton; No. 4, 2.8-10 ounces of gold or \$47.55 per ton; No. 5, 1.8 ounces of silver and 1.81-100 ounces of gold or \$36 per ton.

### THE "WAR EAGLE."

ROSSLAND, Oct. 25.—The War Eagle deal, it is rumored, is off, much to the disappointment of the whole camp. It is said the trouble is not of a monetary character, but owing to some uncertainty with reference to the title. The deeds were sent to England by Mr. Corbin three weeks ago and it was thought the first instalment would have been paid last week. The English people wish to be certain and therefore delay, and possibly the end of the transaction. The same syndicate, it was reported, had purchased the "O.K." mine and were to have paid the first instalment last week. The expert has not even visited the mine up to date and the owners have heard nothing further from the Englishmen.

### SOUND MONEY DEMOCRATS

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Hon. William D. Bynum, chairman of the national gold standard Democrats, made the following statement this afternoon: "I have every confidence in the result of the election to-morrow. I cannot believe that the conservative forces which have combined to save the country from disaster can be defeated by the opposing elements, however separate they may be. Our campaign has been almost wholly confined to the doubtful states, our principal work having been done in Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska." I feel sure these states will declare for sound money, and if so the result will be due largely to the efforts of the sound money Democrats.

### RUSH FOR GOLD.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—There was a run on the sub-treasury in this city to-day for gold. When the announcement of the San Francisco run was made public and \$1,000,000 in gold received from the mint last week, the local sub-treasury noticed an increase in the number of persons who wanted to exchange bills for gold. Today the rush began at the opening of the doors. An unbroken line passed in and out all day.

At Mercier's Tomb.

MONTREAL, Nov. 2.—Ten thousand people attended religious services at Mercier's tomb yesterday, which was magnificently decorated. Abbe LeNoir, of Notre Dame, conducted the services. The "Libera" was sung by the Jesuit choir. There was no special speech making.

Sentenced for Forgery.

GODERICH, Nov. 2.—Thomas Craig was sentenced to-day to twenty-three months imprisonment on each of six charges of forgery.

Judgment Against Paquet.

QUEBEC, Nov. 2.—In the court of review judgment was rendered against Paquet to prevent him entering his \$100,000 Baie-de-Chaleur case in review.

Toronto University Robbed.

TORONTO, Nov. 2.—A vault in the office of the bursar of Toronto University was entered on Saturday night and \$3,000 in cash and checks stolen.

Constipation Cured.

GENTS.—I was in very poor health for over four years; the doctor said it was constipation. Not wanting to spend too much I got three bottles of B.B.B. and took it regularly. I can certify that I am now in the very best of health and feel very grateful to B.B.B. ALFRED TENOUX, Montreal, Que.

## FAMINE IN INDIA.

### Relief Works Opened in a Number of Districts—Bismarck's Revelations.

### The Times on the Presidential Election—Soudan Expedition May Advance to Khartoum.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Severe distress is feared in the districts of Saugur, Jubulpur, Nurrisingpur, Poshagabad and a part of Raipur, and in the central provinces. The general prospects in Bengal are gloomy, and if there is no rain in November the distress may be serious in a part of Patna.

These fears, however, are perhaps exaggerated. Relief works have been opened in three districts of Upper Burma, and relief is likely to be wanted everywhere in Berar. Distress is also expected in Hyderabad, Bhurpur, Dholpur, Jaisalmer, Bikanir, Tonk, Gwalior and in parts of Baghelkhand and Bundelkhand. The prices of wheat in the Punjab are from eight to ten rupees per rupee, in Bombay from ten to twelve seers. The effect of the railway facilities will be to make the distress less intense.

A few small riots have been reported, mostly owing to the export of wheat having the effect of raising prices. The troops have twice been called out, once in the Punjab and once in the Bombay provinces. The prices of wheat in California have reached Calcutta, and 30,000 tons are believed to have been bought for India, but the home prices are said to be rising. When the news of this report reached Jabalpur the price fell from 8 to 10 seers per rupee. There are 52,800 persons employed in relief work.

Sir Richard Temple, who has had experience in Indian affairs since 1846, is secretary to the committee. Bismarck, from 1868 to 1874, has been interviewed on the threatened Indian famine. Sir Richard alluded to the import of wheat as a unique factor in the situation. He said: "It appears that this wheat can be loaded at Calcutta and sold from 8 to 9 seers per rupee. Such a possibility was never dreamed of in my time. This wheat will suffice to fill the shortage in the Indian supply. Certainly American wheat sold in India at that price will suffice the distressed districts. I do not see the need for the government to intervene in this matter. If the thing can be done traders will do it better. I think this is a matter of vital importance, which the government should immediately verify if it is possible. If the American supply does not intervene, if the American supply is insufficient when in India to meet the scarcity, and the government may have to buy supplies elsewhere a favorable opportunity offers."

In an editorial on to-day's election in the United States the Times writes British investors, in the event of Mr. Bryan's defeat, against frantically throwing their support upon a disorganized market. A dispatch to the Times from New York gives as the correspondent's impression, gained from an interview with Mr. McKinley, that he did not seem to regard a new tariff as a vital question to American industry, and did not appear to be animated by hostility towards England.

Special dispatches from New York to all of the morning papers reflect the impression that the election is a problem of justice, for the crown. The defence of the owners is that the fish was caught outside the three-mile limit, and that they were discharging their nets when the capture was made, having drifted with the wind over the line. The point is as to what constitutes "drifting" or "taking fish" within the meaning of the treaty. Judgment was reserved.

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