

SCIENTIST HOLDS THAT GOLD GROWS

A Practical Miner Spends Months in Solitude Solving Problems in Geometry.

Vancouver, March 23.—For forty years S. J. Marsh has been a prospector and miner; today he is president of the Cariboo Gold and Platinum Reduction Company, but that is not his chief claim to fame. He rests his laurels on his ability to combine the practical mind of the miner with the aspirations and dreams of the scientist. Just now Mr. Marsh is in Vancouver on one of his rare trips to the "outside," and in an interview he has given a few particulars of his life and achievements.

Among other things, Mr. Marsh declares that several years ago he conceived the theory of "reactivity," so widely heralded recently by Professor Einstein, which is said to be really understood by less than a score of men. He has for a long time been of the opinion that the ancients were right in their alchemic ideas about gold, and proposes to write a book which will attempt to prove that gold actually grows like fungi, though naturally at an incredibly slow rate. Mr. Marsh's theories regarding the glacial epoch are extremely revolutionary, and differ radically from any found in accepted text books. He has also written four papers on his investigations in connection with the fourth dimension, and for two of these essays on the age-old problem he has been honored by scientific societies.

Mr. Marsh was the first white man to welcome Vilhjalmur Stefansson to the north country on the explorer's first journey down the Mackenzie to the Arctic. Marsh was at that time searching for minerals on the Arctic coast, and spent 128 days in solitude, occupying his spare time in solving problems

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in geometry. Later he opened a school for Eskimo children, where he taught them the rudiments of education. In addition to his other accomplishments, Mr. Marsh is an authority on astronomy, geology, physical science, chemistry and navigation.

"MY CALL HAS NOT YET COME," HE SAID

Preacher's Heart Ceased to Beat for Fourteen Hours, Then Resumed Work.

Geneva, March 23.—A case of a man's heart ceasing to beat for fourteen hours and then resuming work is reported from Berne, where a pastor of that city, the Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, after being officially declared dead, suddenly awoke. The Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, aged fifty, and suffering from heart trouble of

long standing, fell senseless Friday. His physician issued a death certificate, and Saturday's newspapers published eulogies of him. The pastor awoke after fourteen hours, surprised to find his bedroom filled with flowers, wreaths, disconsolate relatives and friends. He said weakly: "My call has not yet come."

The funeral was postponed indefinitely, as the doctor said Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher might live many years.

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Sir Algernon Firth Favors Payment of European Obligations Before Settlement With United States.

Leeds, Eng., March 5.—(Associated Press by mail)—Sir Algernon Firth, president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, who has recently been in the United States, says the policy of Great Britain should be first to carry out arrangements for a cancellation of debts between the European Allies, without seeking to drive any bargain with the United States. The question of a cancellation of this country's debt to America can best, he thinks, be left alone for the present. "Still," he said, "it is obvious that trade cannot resume its normal course until the load of debt which many of our Allies are staggering under at the present time, is removed, and when any question of cancellation of debt is considered, it should be made a condition that the parties to the cancellation should balance their budgets and stop any further issues of paper money."

VETERAN POSTMAN IS SUPERANNATED

"Dad" Carr Walked More Than 40,000 Miles Delivering Vancouver's Mail.

Vancouver, March 23.—After having covered over 40,000 miles in delivering mail in this city in the last twenty-six years, "Dad" R. P. Carr has just been notified by the postal department that he will be superannuated on June 30, with a pension of about \$10 a month. "Dad" Carr was Vancouver's first postman, and is now sixty-seven years of age. When first he started delivering mail he had an immense territory to cover, houses being few and far between, but as the population grew his boundaries gradually closed in until at the last his area was comparatively circumscribed.

Four years ago Mr. Carr was given an inside job, which he is still quite competent to handle, but Ottawa has decided that he must enjoy a well-earned rest. The veteran has decided to spend the rest of his days "pottering around" with chickens and a bit of garden.

Angus Malpas, T. H. Cross and Charles Charlton, who have been associated with postal work for from twenty-two to thirty-one years, are to be superannuated at the same time as "Dad" Carr. There is one old-timer in Vancouver just now, however, who would scoff at any suggestion of superannuation, insofar as he is concerned. This is Col. Stevenson, who, at eighty-five, is about to start on a new gold-mining proposition at Kanaka Bar, fifty miles from Yale, a famous prospect which was barely scratched in the Cariboo gold rush of half a century ago.

Although he has been half-drowned, shot at, stabbed, and engaged in innumerable hand-to-hand fights with Indians, besides enduring the privations of trail and river portage for over sixty years, the colonel is still stout and hearty, and is really in earnest when he says that after he is through with the Kanaka Bar gold proposition, he will tackle a platinum deposit he knows of in the Nicola Valley.

SHOTS WOMAN IN A BAR. Armed Robbers Enter Saloon, Hoping to Get Gambling Stakes.

East Newark, N. J., March 23.—Reports that gambling for high stakes was in progress in the rear of a saloon here led six masked armed robbers to enter the saloon of Benjamin Maskelute, at 402 North Third street. They found no gambling, but half a dozen men were sitting about, and Maskelute and his wife, Mary, were behind the bar. "Throw up your hands," said the

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leader of the gang. Every one complied the bar. Mrs. Maskelute dropped to ark. Maskelute also denied that there with the order except Maskelute, who the floor as the bandits rushed out to a was gambling going on in his place tried to reach a loaded revolver behind waiting automobile and dashed away. Despite the denials, however, there are the bar. One of the robbers saw this. The woman was sent to St. Michael's reports that well dressed young men more and opened fire. The bullet struck Hospital in Newark in a serious condition. The saloon and that big gambling games were seen in the immediate vicinity of Mrs. Maskelute in the abdomen, and tion. Chief of Police Thomas Neville denied were on until early in the morning in a which shattered the glass in the back of there was any gambling in East New-

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