

Mines, Miners And Operators

A Well Known Promoter Tells of Millions Made by Prospectors.

The Trouble in Coeur d'Alene Camps—Probable Copper Boom.

Spokane, May 18.—The Coeur d'Alene country is indeed accursed. With the highest prices and the biggest demand for lead and silver known for six years, nearly every mine in the Coeur d'Alene will be compelled to shut down for the greater part of the summer. Five hundred thousand dollars a month would have been disbursed this summer, and that will now be stopped. It is a deplorable condition of things, but matters had come to such a pass that anarchy had to be taken out of the law and order in the Coeur d'Alene. I am an enemy of labor combinations. Labor has just as much right to organize as capital; but when organized labor is used to keep at work lazy and incompetent union men and to exclude from employment competent and industrious non-union men, it becomes a criminal organization. The Miners' Union of Coeur d'Alene had become an utterly lawless, criminal and communistic body even before the final infamy of murder and incendiary. The organization was really in control of mining operations in the Coeur d'Alene and the owners could employ no labor or no officers unless satisfactory to the union. This organization had set at defiance the laws of God and man, and it is well that at last it has been outlawed, and that the decree has gone forth that it must be rooted out of the Coeur d'Alene root and branch.

The vast majority of the mine owners live in Spokane, and they are heartily glad that the Coeur d'Alene is a lawless and lawless country that ever when the Coeur d'Alene is purged of this horde of banditti.

Coeur d'Alene produces one-third of the lead product of the United States, and under the better conditions soon to be born, it will yield a larger percentage of the lead product of the United States. Its galena deposits are simply fabulous; and since its discovery fifteen years ago, it has attracted the attention of poor and adventurous miners from obscurity and poverty to wealth and affluence. It was Coeur d'Alene that gave Spokane its first impetus on the road to wealth and greatness, and the palaces, mansions and villas that adorn this beautiful, grand city are chiefly built by the pioneers of early Coeur d'Alene days. And it will do more for Spokane in the future, for lead mineral is certain even of a greater boom than the copper boom that is not long since America used to buy its lead from European countries. But European lead mines are longer out to the home demand. The mines are being rapidly exhausted and supplies must be had from America and Australia.

Spokane is the center of the mining industry in the West. This year over the world the production of lead is greater than ever, and her own supplies; and with the Coeur d'Alene mines shut down there should be a virtual boom in this metal.

This will benefit the Slovan and East Kootenay districts. There is only one mine in East Kootenay, St. Eugene, in a condition to ship steadily. The first 100 tons of crude ore shipped from the St. Eugene to the Trail smelter netted over \$35 to the mine. This at the present rate nearly \$40 for freight, treatment and duty.

The Sullivan and North Star also in East Kootenay cannot become steady shippers till a branch road of about 20 miles is built to the mines. But the St. Eugene has the Coeur d'Alene Railroad passing right beneath the mine.

Hospital Board In Session.

Proposal to Add to Doctor's Pay as Reward for Special Service.

Destitute Patients on Hand—X Ray and Other Gifts Acknowledged.

There is a difference of opinion among the directors of the Jubilee hospital as to how the services of Dr. Hasell, the resident medical officer, should be specially recognized by them. At a meeting a month or so ago, a motion was made and discussed proposing a bonus of \$100, but no action was taken. Last evening Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken again brought up the subject, but again the board passed over the matter without decision.

Mr. Davies considered the doctor of the Jubilee hospital the only man of his profession in Canada having the dual duties of superintendent and medical officer to perform. It was too late this evening to see in the way proposed some acknowledgment made by the board of the services done the hospital.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hanna disagreed with the proposal, thinking the doctor well paid. Mr. Drury being new on the board did not wish to express any opinion against the good work of the hospital, but the principle of bonussing was bad, because where discrimination had to be exercised, jealousy would set to work.

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The board in dealing with the communication decided that they could no longer support Waterhouse, especially after his refusing to go to the Old Men's home at Kamloops. As for Willie Smithers, it is expected that he will shortly be sent to the British Columbia Protestant Orphan's Home.

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Brisbane Again A Port of all Catarrh of the Stomach.

Indications That Brisk Season in Northern Business is at hand.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. Anglican Church to Offer Special Prayer For its Success—Might Settle Armenian Trouble.

London, May 19.—The correspondent of the Standard writes: The Hague says: "A more peaceful corner of the world it would be hard to find than that in which stands the palace where the conference sessions will be held. The octagonal hall lends itself to an admirable arrangement, the centre aisle dividing rows of green baize desks marked with the names of the nations alphabetically. The hour of assembling yesterday was 2 o'clock, and M. de Beaufort, followed by His Excellency Mr. Yu, the Chinese representative, was the first to arrive. A little later came Sir Julian Pauncefote and Mr. Seth Low, whose views regarding Anglo-American arbitration encourage hopes of a wider scheme. After them came Mr. Andrew White and Captain Mahon, the latter wearing the dark blue uniform of the service of which he is the literary expert. The other delegates entered as the taps of the gavel opened the proceedings."

London, May 19.—The Anglo-Armenian Association, of which the Duke of Westminster is president, has memorialized the Marquis of Salisbury, urging the desirability of the peace conference. The association has also addressed an informal communication to Washington, feeling assured that the close co-operation of English and American nations in a work for the benefit of mankind is ardently desired on both sides of the Atlantic.

London, May 19.—The Archbishop of Canterbury authorizes the clergy to use the collect for the Fifth Ecumenical Council, Trinity, and to make a pause after the words in the litany, "That it may please Thee to give the nations unity, peace and concord" at all services during the progress of the peace conference.

Wiesbaden, Prussia, May 19.—At a luncheon given by Emperor William yesterday in accordance with his custom in honor of the birthday of Emperor Nicholas, the Kaiser toasted the Emperor of the following terms: "With the toast to the Czar's health, which I propose every year with hearty sincerity, I would today like to express my warmest wishes upon the opening of the conference at The Hague, which owes its origin to His Majesty's initiative."

Then, turning to the Russian ambassador, Count von Osten Sacken, he continued: "Honored Count: It is my sincere wish that the two great experienced statesmen, M. de Staal and Count von Munster, acting in accordance with the wishes of His Majesty, the Emperor, and His Majesty's Russian people, and carrying out identical instructions given them by the Czar and myself, may so conduct the conference that the result will satisfy the Czar. To the health of His Majesty, hurrah!"

United States Sends Them to Create Impression of Prudence of Trouble. Buffalo, N. Y., May 19.—A special despatch from Washington says: To preserve peace and order in Alaska and to prevent a conflict between United States and Canadian miners, which may injure the good relations existing between the United States and Great Britain, orders have been issued by Secretary Alger, under which three companies of infantry will be sent immediately to that territory. These orders have been given with the approval of the State Department, which has forwarded the proper notice to Great Britain to continue along the boundary line. Senator Fairbanks and the former Secretary of State, Foster, members of the High Joint Commission, were in conference today with Secretary Hay regarding the negotiations which Ambassador Choate has been conducting in London with reference to the Alaskan boundary. Secretary Fairbanks will proceed to Alaska to examine the conditions there for himself, and expects to return to Washington in the latter part of June in order to be present at the reassembling of the Commission.

PIQUART SEEKS LIBERTY. Paris, May 19.—The counsel of Col. Piquart has formally requested the public prosecutor to release his client provisionally.

ALL QUIET IN HAWAII. Sugar Stock Takes an Upward Shoot—Trial of the Plantation Rioters Has Commenced.

Messrs. Weidner and Woods of Honolulu, who arrived here by the Miowera yesterday morning, report an increased activity in plantation life in the islands, sugar stock having taken an upward tendency and numerous new plantations having been established in consequence.

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With the arrival of the Miowera at Vancouver, her purser, Mr. C. H. Humphries, completes his last voyage for the season. He is a member of the Canadian-Australian Steamship Co. It is his intention to return shortly to his home in Vancouver, after a brief visit to his friends in Honolulu, and afterwards entering the Atlantic service of the White Star Line. Mr. Humphries, who has been identified with the Canadian-Australian Steamship Co. for the past 22 years, leaves the Pacific with the heartiest good wishes of all who know him on both sides of the water. By any of his departure from the old service more to be regretted than by the newspaper men. It is an unusual thing for the marine purser to await for his departure to arrive of some steamer, only to have the purser to whom he must apply for information on the subject, Mr. Humphries has always made it a rule to do his best for the pressmen, and through them the friends of his country.

READY FOR LAUNCHING. Work on Australian Completed—Six Degrees Above Zero and Snowing at Bennett. Letters received at the office of the Canadian Pacific Company say that the company's steamer Australian has been completed and will be launched on May 20. The ship is now being kept in the water in the lake. The work of building her was carried on with remarkable alacrity. The White Pass and Yukon route company and the Red Line Transportation company rushed the machinery through to Bennett from Skagway in just one week and moved it to the site of the ship at the latter port, and one can judge the rapidity with which construction of the ship was proceeding when it is mentioned that two days after the keel was laid the stem and ribs were in position. In a letter dated Bennett, May 10, Mr. H. Maitland Kersey, the company's manager, says the weather there was six degrees above zero and snow was falling fast.

Business with the North is expected to take an upward tendency in the next month, when the fair season will be open on the northern lakes and traffic will be in part relieved from the congestion of the new crop begins to move. For future loading a few engagements have been made at from 28 to 30c. The improvement in lumber freights in March was hardly maintained in the earlier part of the month, but there is again a better feeling, with more inquiry for tonnage. Vessels are still scarce, however, and difficult to get, particularly for prompt loading.

With sales, suppositories and ointments and dressing a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Brades' Ointment and found in it an absolute cure for Piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required to effect a permanent cure.

APRIL SHIPPING. Foreign Markets Continue Low With No Inducement to Export. In their monthly freight and shipping report for the month of April, the London and Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, Ltd., say: "During the month there has been but little change in grain freights. Foreign markets continuing low, there is no inducement to export, and the business done is being insignificant. The prospect of a large surplus, and a consequent fall in the price of grain, is looked for soon, and the new crop begins to move. For future loading a few engagements have been made at from 28 to 30c. The improvement in lumber freights in March was hardly maintained in the earlier part of the month, but there is again a better feeling, with more inquiry for tonnage. Vessels are still scarce, however, and difficult to get, particularly for prompt loading."

WEARY OF EXPERIMENTING. Copenhagen, May 19.—Dr. Edward Brades, a well-known writer and politician, has been indicted on the charge of publishing an immoral book, "Det Uge Blad."

Eight Hour Law In Operation

Slovan Silver-Lead Mine Owners Share Loss With Their Workmen.

Miners Will Get Higher Rate But Still Lose Fifty Cents a Day.

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Birthdays At Windsor

Celebration Large Years With the Jubilee of the Queen's Birth.

Glad Voice of the People Carried to Her Electrophone.

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