

# Armed Guard at Rossland

### A Score of Thiel's Detectives Keep Guard Over the Mines.

### Miners' Union Indignant—They Appeal to the Attorney-General.

An alarming state of affairs in connection with the Rossland mining camp is disclosed in the correspondence which is printed below and which has passed between the government and the parties most interested in the camp mentioned.

The correspondence is self-explanatory, and the first intimation received by the Attorney-General of trouble was in the telegram which is printed first in the list in the accompanying correspondence.

It is rather interesting to note although this state of affairs has obtained in the mining city for several days no intimation has reached the outside of the difficulty.

The first telegram was received by the Premier on the 7th, and is as follows: Rossland, March 7th, 1900. Hon. Jos. Martin, Premier, Victoria, B. C.

Twenty men imported from Victoria sworn in as specials on duty at B.A.C., War Eagle and Centre Star properties. No trouble here. What does this mean? ROSSLAND MINERS' UNION.

To this Mr. Martin replied: Victoria, March 7th, 1900. Rossland Miners' Union, Rossland: Know nothing about it. Send further particulars with name of magistrate who swore them in, by wire at my expense.

JOSEPH MARTIN. Details were forwarded the following day as follows: Rossland, March 8th, 1900. Hon. Joseph Martin, Premier, Victoria: Thiel's detective agency, Victoria, furnished men in charge of ex-Mounted Police. Properties patrolled like armed camp. Sworn by Police Magistrate Bonthebe, Rossland. Has created strained relations. Letter will follow: ROSSLAND MINERS' UNION.

The Attorney-General replied as follows, the two telegrams referred to in his dispatch to the Union following that telegram: Victoria, March 8th, 1900. Rossland Miners' Union, Rossland: Have wired Mayor Goodeve for information of public in charge of ex-Mounted Police. Have asked Bonthebe for explanation as to reasons for swearing in special constables.

JOSEPH MARTIN. Victoria, March 8th, 1900. John Bonthebe, Police Magistrate, Rossland: Am surprised at not receiving report from you as to trouble at mines. Kindly advise me by letter as to circumstances which induced you to swear in special constables.

JOS. MARTIN, Attorney-General. Victoria, March 8th, 1900. Mayor Goodeve, Rossland: Am sorry to hear that mine owners have placed special constables in charge. This department has had no intimation of expected trouble. The government feels quite competent to deal with any trouble. Kindly publish this telegram for information of public.

JOSEPH MARTIN, Attorney-General. This morning the facts from the standpoint of the miners were set forth in the following letter received by the Premier: Rossland, March 8th, 1900. To Hon. Jos. Martin, Premier, Victoria: Sir,—We make haste to reply as stated in telegram re the employment of special policemen in the Rossland camp.

The managers of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star properties have stated on more than one occasion that the partial closing down of their mines was an absolute necessity, giving as their reasons defective machinery, being behind in development work, and the installation of more improved and modern machinery.

However, some persons unknown to us are creating an impression that the eight-hour law and the Miners' Union are to blame for all the continuation of difficulties that have visited this mining camp, which we admit is very unfortunate at this particular time and which no human being could prevent.

We are willing to produce facts that the eight-hour law and the Miners' Union have not been the cause of one individual losing his employment, nor has the union caused the management of the different properties any embarrassment as to whom they shall or shall not employ.

In view of these facts we object to armed men patrolling the several properties in camp. Individuals are accosted on the highways and byways and are interrogated by those imported officials and requested to give a strict and correct account of themselves.

These specials are visited nightly every three hours by a mounted officer, are dressed in the regulation uniform and supplied with implements of modern warfare. This action is certainly objectionable to the citizens of this community. We know of no motive for such a course to be pursued by the mine owners.

They have never done us any harm and we assure you, sir, we will always, to the best of our ability, respect the laws and customs of our country and prevent them from violating them if possible. This is the detective agency at Victoria furnished the men.

Police Magistrate Bonthebe swore them in. We asked him on whose authority this action was taken. He evaded the question more or less, but one could read between the lines the mine owners or

their representatives made declaration, of what nature we do not know. We presume that to the chief of police Mr. Bonthebe intimated that it should make no difference whether there be one special or one hundred. It certainly does.

We consider this army of imported men, now citizens of this community, a standing menace to the peace, harmony and prosperity of this mining camp, and that it is establishing a dangerous precedent and certainly not in keeping with the ethics of the age.

Into this important matter, we hope, sir, you will inquire and give due consideration and proper investigation. We are, sir, yours, etc., JAS. DEVINE, Sec. ROSSLAND MINERS' UNION.

## Sporting News.

### THE TURF.

#### AN ADDITIONAL EVENT.

The Victoria Hunt Club has decided to add another race to the programme for their spring meeting. The event will be called "The Victoria Sweepstakes," and the prize will be a cup provided by the club. The conditions are as follows:

A flat race of about one mile, for horses the bona fide property at the time of entry of members of the V. H. C. Any member of the club entitled to ride. Weight 140 lbs. Entrance fee \$10; entrance fees to go to the winner. Four starters or the race declared void. Entry, which closes at midnight on April 7th, to be made to the secretary Victoria Hunt Club, Work Point Barracks.

### BILLIARDS.

#### INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 9.—Geo. Wheelock, who is in Paris, has arranged a match between Geo. Stosson, of New York, and Maurice Vigneaux, the champion billiardist of Europe.

### THE RING.

#### MCGOVERN V. GARDNER.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 9.—Much interest is being taken in the featherweight championship battle, which is scheduled to take place to-night at the Broadway Athletic Club, between McGovern and Gardner. The men are to fight at 122 pounds for the world's championship and a wager of \$2,500. McGovern is the favorite.

### THE EX-CHAMPION SUED.

According to information from New York, Bob Fitzsimmons, ex-champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, has been sued by Ernest Roebler, his burly wrestling and boxing partner for \$1,750, which he claims is due him for services. The case is to be heard in the Supreme court.

### THE HUNT CLUB.

#### SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held on April 10th (Easter Monday) and promises to be productive of a good deal of interest. The committee in charge have arranged for a number of events, which they anticipate will bring out many competitors.

### THE GUN.

#### ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF THE NORTHWEST BOOKED FOR VICTORIA.

An event which is being looked forward to with great interest by sportsmen is the forthcoming meeting of the Sportsmen's Association of the Northwest. This meet is an annual affair, and is quite the event of the year among the devotees of the gun. This is the first time that it has been held in Victoria, and the local sportsmen are very anxious to have it one of the most successful of the series. The tournament, which is the sixteenth one of the Association, includes the sportsmen of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and the province of British Columbia. The last occasion, upon which it was held on this Coast was the year before last, when Vancouver was selected for the meet. It will probably be held at Oak Bay and will last about a week. In addition to the regular cracks of the gun who regularly attend these gatherings, a number of fancy shots from California are expected to be present, which will add very much to the enjoyment of the affair. The tournament will be under the auspices of the Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs, and will take place about June 1st, and will be preceded by the annual meeting, which convenes shortly. The local clubs are anxious to augment the prize list by local subscriptions.

### THE ROD.

#### CLOSE SEASON EXPIRES THURSDAY.

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### BABIES HAVE CROUP.

No disease comes so suddenly and treacherously upon its victim as Croup. Happy is the mother who has at hand Dr. Chase's Syrup Turpentine when the dear little awakes in the night coughing and struggling for breath. This famous remedy is the standby in the homes of this continent as a prompt and certain cure for croup, bronchitis, coughs, colds, asthma and throat irritations. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 50 cents.

### CHILDREN WILL GO SLIGHTING.

They return covered with snow. Hair teespoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent ill effects. Avoid substitutes, there's but one Pain-Killer, Ferry's Pain-Exor, 25c. and 50c.

# To Settle Differences

### Hon. Smith-Curtis Leaves for Rossland on an Important Mission.

### Will Seek to Adjust Troubles Arising Out of Recent Legislation.

Premier Martin returned last night from the Mainland where he attended the People's convention at Westminster. He was disposed this morning to treat the gathering as being as much a condemnation of the Semin government as of his own, and said that the original resolution was so emasculated as to have little significance.

Hon. Smith-Curtis leaves Wednesday morning for Rossland, where he wishes to make a thorough investigation from the economic point of view of the operation of the eight-hour law. "I am asking the principal mine owners there to give me all the facts as to what loss, if any, they really sustain," said Mr. Curtis this morning, "and if later the government is not in a position to suggest changes which we hope will meet with the views of both parties, and thus take this matter out of the political arena, it will probably be because the mine owners refuse to place the information I want at my disposal."

"We want to get at the facts upon which the mine owners base their claim that the operation of the eight-hour law has greatly injured their business and see how far this claim is justified. "We do not propose to repeal the eight-hour law, but it may be possible to modify it in some particulars so that it will be acceptable to both sections of the mining community. We will take the matter up from an economic standpoint and endeavor to glean all the facts."

If a settlement cannot be reached, then we will be obliged to follow the course outlined in our declaration of policy and fall back upon the referendum. "I see it urged in some quarters," he added, "that the latter course would be unfair as the majority of the public do not understand the matter. The same contention would apply with equal force to other matters of governmental policy such as the matter of railroads, etc., yet the opinion of the majority rules in these questions."

In connection with the approaching elections, it is by no means improbable that a labor candidate will be placed in the field in Victoria. Some of the leaders of the labor movement are anxious to try conclusions with the line parties in the election arena, encouraged thereby by the success of their candidate in Winnipeg. Action will probably be taken in the matter in the course of a few days.

F. J. Fulton, barrister of Kamloops, has been selected a Conservative candidate for that constituency to oppose F. J. Deane.

### 50 CENTS FOR A NEW STOMACH.

This is probably the best means to the sufferer from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and all other stomach complaints. Dr. Von Sauer's Pepsin Tablets are nature's pancreas for the stomach's use—they're a purely vegetable pepsin compound—of them in a box—and they'll give you health to allow everybody to enjoy good health. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Col. J. C. McCook, of Dawson, has returned from his trip to Europe and Africa, and is expected to take up his duties as Ex-Counsel Macrum of Pretoria, is called a coward by the Dawson consul. He has little sympathy with the ex-consul at Pretoria. In speaking of that incident he said: "It is a very unfortunate affair. Macrum has acted foolishly. Fortune knocks at every man's door once, and it looks very much as though Macrum refused to admit it. It is my opinion that Macrum was a coward and deserted his post, thinking his opened letter would furnish an excuse for his trip to Washington, and at the end of the war he would be returned again in his official capacity to South Africa. Macrum's chief deputy was a Boer. He was in the midst of the war, and heard their talk. He is a young man, a bookkeeper before his appointment, without any business experience, and when the critical time arrived it was my opinion that his heart failed, and he took the first opportunity and excuse to get away."

The light on Brothie ledge beacon has been changed from an occulting to a fixed white light, the occulting light having proved unsatisfactory. It will be removed as soon as weather permits landing on the beacon. The Brothie ledge beacon is thus described in a notice to mariners issued by the department of marine: The light is shown from a square structure with sloping sides, enclosed and painted white, standing 8 feet above the deck of the beacon. Its position is Lat. N. 48 deg. 24 min. 20 sec. Long. W. 128 deg. 23 min. 40 sec. Temporarily the light is a fixed white light. It is elevated 18 feet above high water mark, and should be visible 8 miles from all points of approach. The illuminating apparatus is a pressed glass lens on the Wigham principle, and is not constantly tended by a keeper. Absolute dependence cannot therefore be placed on the light.

Nearly all the space for freight and passengers on the steamer Alpha has been arranged for, and when that steamer departs on her voyage to Cape Nome she will be heavily laden. The rates at which her space has been taken up, too, are higher than that of the steamers booking on the Sound. (The Alpha's rates are \$200 and \$150 first-class, according to location, and \$100 second-class. Freight is being taken at \$40 per ton ship's option, lumber at \$75 per thousand and cattle at \$100 per head. On the Sound there seems to be a disposition to cut rates, and some of the great fleet seeking business are filling their space at whatever they can get. The Pacific C.S.S. Co., Empire line and the West Coast companies are advertising out for the higher rates, but other companies are offering the following rates: First cabin, \$125; second, \$100, and steerage, \$75. General merchandise is being carried for \$40 per ton, ship's option, hay at \$60 and lumber at \$60.

Mariners, particularly those interested in vessels plying to and from Oryster Bay, will be interested to know that the government has established a provisional stake light on Walker rock beacon, Trinidad channel, British Columbia. Lat. N. 48 deg. 55 min. 25 sec. Long. W. 123 deg. 20 min. 40 sec. The light is a fixed white light, elevated 15 feet above high water mark, and should be visible 5 miles all around the horizon. The light is shown from a small dioptric lantern.

### Doctors Said Bright's Disease.

The only evidence of the approach of Bright's disease may be general falling of the health, loss of strength, dyspepsia and poor appetite. As the disease advances there is palor of the countenance, pain in the back, puffiness under the eyes and swelling of the feet. The urine is diminished in quantity and is of a dirty yellow or smoky color, and if tested chemically is found to contain albumen. Dean's Kidney Pills have time and again been proven a positive cure for this disease, except in the very last stages—nothing can cure them. Mrs. E. Winkworth, Niagara Falls, Ont., found in them a cure when everything else failed. Read her statement: "I was attacked by kidney trouble about two years ago and steadily grew worse, until I became so low I thought I could only live a short time longer. The doctor here pronounced my case a complication of Bright's disease and dropsy. He advised me to try Dean's Kidney Pills as it was my only chance to get well. I did so, and can truly say I owe my life to following his advice, for I am strong and well to-day."

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# Along the Waterfront.

### The Seattle transportation companies are still at work endeavoring to stop the Alpha landing her cargo at Cape Nome.

Yesterday afternoon the following telegram was received from the United States collector at Seattle, P. J. Moran: "Steamship companies will have to show permits to land at Cape Nome." On the receipt of this message, at the request of local companies, the following telegram was sent by United States Consul A. E. Smith to Hon. J. Sage, secretary of the treasury of the United States: "Ship owners here request legislation as follows: 'Near British ships carry British goods, enter Dutch harbor, pay duty and discharge at Nome, please wire reply.' Up to the hour of going to press this afternoon no reply had been received. The contention of the Seattle people that the Alpha cannot land at the nearest port or subport of entry in the event of Nome not being made a port of entry is absurd, for in the international shipping laws there is nothing to prevent this being done. A steamer or ship may, and enter, any port of entry near their destination, and then go out wherever their cargo is to be landed. This afternoon the Alpha's owners dispatched a telegram to Lord Pauncefoot at the British legation at Washington, asking him to take this matter up."

Sealing schooner Mary Taylor put into San Juan harbor on her way up from the South on Saturday afternoon, and yesterday three of her hunters came up to the city for a brief spell. The hunters, Henobery, Naugle, Allen and Pilgrim, sailed from San Juan—a distance of 51 miles—in nine hours. The Mary Taylor has 700 skins. She brings news of the first drowning accident of the season, the victims being a Kanaka and an Indian belonging to the schooner "Ambler." They left the schooner about February 26th and lost their bearings. They were not seen again. The schooner Favorite picked up the boat sail and mast with two guns tied to them, which were recognized to be those of the Indians. The accident happened off Cape Mendocino. The Mary Taylor will be remembered, was the first vessel to leave. She brings news of many other vessels. The Dora Sieverud was spoken on March 4th with 203 skins, Hatzic with 183 and Umbriana with 460. The weather has been bad off the coast. The Mary Taylor came in to secure more provisions, and will leave in about three days for the North. Some of the hunters had a narrow escape on Saturday. While they were landing the boat upset and two were almost drowned.

Notice is given by the department of marine that the signal station at Tatooch Island, at the outer extremity of the straits, is not to be again established. The station will be kept permanently at Baadah Point, Neah Bay, a much superior place for meteorological purposes and the reporting of passing vessels. The Neah Bay station displays signals for the approach of all dangerous winds and is fully equipped with international code signals. Communication can be had therewith for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the approach of storms, weather conditions in general, and the purpose of passing telegrams to points on command lines. Any message signalled by the international code, received at the Neah Bay weather bureau, will be transmitted and delivered to the address on payment at the station of the telegraph charge. Another notice given by the department is that the middle and north bearings on Sturgeon bank, between the Fraser river, Strait of Georgia, British Columbia, have been carried away by the sea. It is not the present intention of this department to replace them.

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It is proposed to replace this by a more permanent arrangement, at an early date.

Letters from San Francisco tell of the speaking of the sealing schooners Mary Taylor and Annie E. Hall by the schooner Sparrow when that vessel was on her way to Eureka from San Francisco. The Mary Taylor had 550 pelts, and the Paint 138. The date of speaking was not given. Another report which has reached San Francisco tells of the speaking of the Victoria sealing schooner Anely by the schooner Daisy Rowe on February 28th, 35 miles southwest of Coos Bay, with 150 skins, 12 days out. The signals of this schooner have undoubtedly been wrongly read, for no schooner of that name is known here, and the twelve days out is also hard to explain, for no schooner sailed on the 18th ult. from this port.

Sealing schooner Ocean Rover returned from the West Coast to-day in tow of the Myster, which was out to pick her up. The Ocean Rover was damaged in a recent storm when off the north end of the Island, and had all her boats and canoes carried away by a big sea, which swept on to the schooner. She will go on the ways to-morrow to repair, and will re-visit for the North Sea. She expects to get away again in ten days.

Steamer Danube arrived last night from the North, with fourteen passengers. I. H. Frank, of Simon, Leiser & Co.; D. Manziel, of the Canadian customs staff at Los Cabin; E. H. Gough, a Juneau newspaper man; J. V. Black, C. E. Hotz, Mrs. A. C. Lorentzen, C. E. Corbin, F. D. Corbin, E. Martel, W. Stevens, N. Williams, Miss N. Williams, T. G. Mutton and Miss O'Brien. The Danube will sail again for the North on Wednesday.

A letter received from Clayoquot reports the arrival there of a sealing schooner—the name is not given—with 412 skins.

The steamer being constructed for the Victoria & Sidney railway is expected to be ready for service by the end of the month.

THE D. & L. EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL may be taken with most beneficial results by those who are run down and suffering from after effects of a grippe. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

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At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. O. Lalonde; vice-president, Mr. J. B. Johnson; secretary, Mr. H. W. C. Jackson. Mr. W. T. Oliver, Robert Hater, O. M. Fox, H. F. Myrton, A. S. Goodeve, J. M. Smith, J. A. Kirk, G. W. McBride, James Hunter, R. Dalby Morkill and W. N. Dunn. The board's new president, Mr. C. O. Lalonde, was duly installed amid applause. Mr. Lalonde briefly returned thanks for his election, and asked for the same loyal support from the board, which had been accorded his predecessor, Mr. J. B. Johnson. Mr. Lalonde also returned thanks for his election as vice-president. Mr. Clabon gave notice

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