

in River District Being Quietly Explored With Some Encouraging Results.

Word for the Argo Mines—Cover Operations—Another Le Roi Dividend.

On River is one of the mines close to Victoria where a great work is being done, quietly but surely. The hills are full of prospect and several of the mines are extensive development work upon them. On the Corbett, owned by West and his partner Deacon, is now running in a tunnel 100 feet deep to a depth of 250 ft where the upper tunnel lays vein 40 feet wide.

THE ARGO MINES.

The issue of the Sandon Paystreak following to say about the Argo of mines, which are chiefly owned by Sandon and Namaino; personal interest is taken by the Sandon in the Argo on account nearness to town. The tunnel and are the first things seen by prospectors on arrival, and any advance of property is welcome news to Sandon. They are continually going up to see and all are given an opportunity to see a mine in operation.

On July 9.—The railroad companies have issued an order to confiscate all coal being carried over their lines. The local coal companies who expected to receive special shipments to meet the demand are thrown on their own resources to overcome the difficulty. The prices of soft coal have advanced forty cents a ton, while soft screenings are rated at just double their ordinary value.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

The minister kept the congregation waiting twenty minutes. "What for?" "Oh, it wasn't his fault. He punctured the tire." "But, my dear sir, you positively must not go in my directions. You must take a bath every morning."

They All Come Back. There are fads in medicine as well as in other things, said a busy doctor. "But the most remarkable thing about Hood's Sarsaparilla is that customers who try other remedies all come back to Hood's, and is why the enormous sales of this medicine keep up and time the whole year around steady."

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Railroad Receivers Surprised to Find Only a Solitary Miner Return to Duty.

Coal Becoming Very Scarce and No Sign of the Strikers Giving In.

CLEVELAND, July 9.—The coal miners of the Wheeling & Lake Erie district won a great victory to-day. Col. Myron T. Herrick, the receiver for the Wheeling & Lake Erie, received a private dispatch at noon to-day saying that only one man went to work at Dillonvale. This is the place where the receiver for the W. & L. E. decided to make a test.

An advance of 25 per cent. in the retail price of bituminous coal was announced yesterday and the increase will doubtless soon reach 50 per cent. All lake shipments of bituminous coal have stopped.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 9.—W. O. Pierce, secretary of the United Mine Workers, left for Clover, Ohio, to-day, one of the points through which West Virginia coal is passing en route to the lakes and large Western cities. He believes the miners at Clover will not attempt to stop trains from West Virginia, but has gone there to more carefully study the situation and advise with the local committee.

MOVING WATER. The authentic information received here to-day is that the miners are all out at Pann, Taylorville, Ashland and Decatur, as well as at this place. The Pann mines will close down. Over 2,000 miners are idle; not a shaft is operating in this section.

THE BELLEVILLE STRIKE. The Belleville men at a meeting decided to go to work. At Carthage there is no strike. The Virdean and Auburn miners struck a week ago. The miners at Assumption are out, but at Par and Taylorville they are working.

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CHRISTIAN BATTALIONS

A Modern Peter the Hermit With Twenty Thousand Followers Assembled in Convention.

Scene of Tremendous Enthusiasm in San Francisco—The President's Greeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—The long anticipated California '97 of the Christian Endeavorers became a reality with the assembling of the two vast audiences at Mechanics' and Woodward's pavilions this morning.

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THE BALFOURS SCORE.

Thanked by the Irish Nationalists for a Broad and Generous Relief Measure.

Half a Million Pounds to Provide a Tourist Route Across the West of Ireland.

LONDON, July 10.—In the House of Commons yesterday, in the course of discussion on the Irish estimates, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, after a fierce attack by Timothy Healy on the Irish board of works, made a statement as to the manner in which the government propose to spend the half million pounds voted by parliament last year for the development of the resources of Ireland.

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RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Winnipeg, July 10.—(Special)—Immigration commissioner McCreary says that there is an agreement between the government and the C.P.R. to the effect that work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway will be given as far as possible to intending and desirable settlers, and he is in correspondence with his agents, the result of which may be the bringing from Scotland and Wales of between 2,000 and 3,000 able bodied men.

Mr. W. Armstrong of Vancouver, one of the best known Canadian contractors, who has been in the city for a few days, left to-day for Montreal to purchase construction machinery for the railway.

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SHIP REPAIRS ABROAD. Collection of Duty to Be No Longer Made Upon Entry into Canada.

Department to Decide in Cases of Rebuilding—Notices Affecting Local Mariners.

INDUCEMENTS TO MARRY. Another curious remedy for the paucity of births in France is suggested by the scientific Sanctorius Geyron, Babes and Bethelot, who have introduced a bill providing that all married conscripts will only have to serve a year in the ranks.

THE RECIPROCAL TARIFF. Ottawa, July 9.—The regulations in regard to the reciprocal tariff of Canada were issued to-day by the minister of customs as follows: "Persons making export of goods under the Canadian tariff of 1897 are required to furnish separate invoices of articles applied to such entry with declarations annexed thereto from the exporter or his agent, made before a notary public or a commissioner for a Catholic university in Ireland, Mr. Balfour the First Lord of the Treasury, in a very sympathetic speech, admitted that the absence of a university was a heavy tax on Ireland and said he would do his utmost in the direction of such an institution, but he said he was not in a position to make a definite promise.

MONTREAL MATTERS. Montreal, July 10.—After two months' idleness operations were resumed yesterday at C. Macdonald's big tobacco factory at Hochelaga, more than 1,000 hands starting work.

HIS ROOM PREFERRED. Toronto, July 10.—According to the World's Montreal special the reason Mr. Tarte has not set out for Europe, as he proposed some time ago, is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier called to his lieutenant edjoining upon him not to come to the old country under any consideration. The dispatch also adds that it is stated that the Premier likewise forbade Tarte visiting any portion of the province of Ontario.

THE ORANGE ASSOCIATION. Toronto, July 10.—(Special)—The Orange order of British North America has decided to separate the regular business of the order from the mutual insurance branch, and in future Grand Secretary Lockhart will look after the purely administrative business of the order exclusively, while J. F. Leighton, of this city, will attend to the affairs of the mutual insurance. It is believed the change will result in great benefit to the order.