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## A GOOD SIZED LEDGE

Work of Sinking on the Grand Prize to Be Recommended.

## IRON MASK LITIGATION

The Management Has Determined to Push the Suit With the Centre Star as Speedy a Finish as Possible—Le Roi Looking Well.

The new shaft house and the blacksmith shop on the Grand Prize have been completed, and everything is now in readiness for the resumption of sinking. The new buildings are substantial structures of logs and shakes, well adapted for winter use. The shaft is now down about 18 feet and has been timbered to the bottom. The showing includes about three feet of ledge matter, impregnated with iron and quartz, and mixed with calcite. What looks like the foot wall has been disclosed, but not enough work has yet been done to determine the matter. The present workings, which are located on the east end of the property on what is known as the Grand Prize lead, will be the scene of active development on the property.

The Iron Mask company has determined to force an issue in regard to the litigation over the vein in dispute with the Centre Star. The case will be heard on its merits as speedily as possible. The Iron Mask has retained for its principal witness Louis Jasin, the well known expert of San Francisco, who has a reputation surpassed by no man in America.

The British America corporation will occupy its new offices on Nickel Plate flat during the latter part of this week. The corporation pay day is today.

The Le Roi, which paid on Thursday last, disbursed \$27,000 among its 300 employees. The incidental expenses for running the mine during the month were about \$7,000 more.

The King Solomon D. C. Corbin's famous property near Anacosta, B. C., has ordered a new hoisting plant, with a 25 horse power boiler from Frank Mendenhall of the Jencks's Machine company.

The Sullivan group near Fort Steele, in the hands of Colonel Turner of the Le Roi company is largely interested, has ordered a four-drill compressor from the Jencks's Machine company, represented by Frank Mendenhall. The Sullivan group is developing very satisfactorily.

In the window of THE MINER office is a specimen of ore from the Lucky Boy, in Sheridan camp at the head of Toroda creek, five claims distant from the Zed M. It was furnished through the courtesy of H. Spiking, an assayer of Republic, who is now in the city. The ledge on the surface is about three feet wide, in a porphyry formation. Narrow seams of yellow quartz are streaked all through the ledge, and it is in these that the values are found. The mineral is carried in sulphides of silver, scattered plainly all through the quartz, which is the specimen at THE MINER office. The assay shows 200 ounces in silver and 18 1/2 ounces in gold. It also carries about a tenth of one per cent in copper.

### SHOWED THEIR FAITH.

Directors of the Dundee Company purchase \$16,000 worth of its Shares. A meeting of the Dundee Gold Mining company was held on Saturday evening for the purpose of devising ways and means for paying for the aerial tramway, the concentrator, hoisting and drilling plants have been placed principally in the London market and owing to the dullness there at present it was deemed inexpedient to place the treasury on sale there. It was decided that each should take shares at the prevailing market price to the extent of \$2,000 each. There are eight directors, and this will give the company \$16,000. With this sum it is calculated that the plant can be paid for and the mine placed on a paying basis.

The directors are William Galliber, Charles Dundee, Ernest Kennedy, J. L. Parker, C. F. Conybeare, N. D. Barclay, Donald Kennedy and Colonel Robert Scott.

The action of the directors, who are most in touch with the properties of the company, and know fully its worth, is a sure indication that they will be able to get their money back and with profit. This fact alone should stimulate investment in the shares of this company. When the management is ready to put up its money, as in the present instance, there should be no hesitancy on the part of the investing public to purchase shares of this kind.

### PERSONAL.

Colonel E. S. Topping was up from Trail yesterday. He says the trail will soon be the best lighted town in West Kootenay. The citizens have taken up subscriptions for installing big arcs all over town, and nine of the lamps will be put in at once. Besides them, there are four big lamps on smelter hill, which assists materially in illuminating the town.

Peter McLean is back from East Kootenay, where he was engaged on the Pyramid group, which is being operated by an English company. The development of the property has fairly been commenced for the winter, under a crew of nine men. The shaft is down about 25 feet, and shows four feet of copper and galena. A crosscut has also been started on the ledge, but as yet the vein has not been met.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Regarding Claim Stealing. Editor Miner—Sir: Will you please answer the following inquiries.

First—Suppose that a man buys a mineral claim that is a prior claim and is assured that he will get a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet.

Second—Now suppose that when he gets the claim surveyed by a provincial surveyor for a crown grant, the surveyor finds the No. 1 and No. 2 posts only 1,200 feet apart, and reports the claim as 1,200 feet by 1,500 feet and gets a crown grant for that quantity, what must the owner do to recover the other 300 feet to which he is entitled?

Third—Supposing that one of the posts has been moved in on the claim 300 feet, and the land has been stolen, is the owner shut out from recovering the land stolen by reason of having taken the crown grant for the land as described by the surveyor? When a man has a prior claim why does not the surveyor find for him the full quantity of land?

Fourth—If the surveyor is governed by the posts, how is the owner protected from secondly moving the posts and stealing the shortage?

Fifth—There has been some stealing going on in this matter, and I have no doubt your answer will SUBSCRIBER.

The best thing that Subscriber can do is to secure the advice of a solicitor as to your legal rights in the matter. It is not probable that any of your ground has been stolen. In all likelihood the claim as staked was only 1,200 feet long, and your crown grant includes all the territory originally covered by the location posts. If a claim-jumper had moved either of your stakes for the purpose of stealing your ground he would probably have taken more than 300 feet.

As to your questions, considered in order:

First—If the man from whom you bought the claim specially covenanted that it was a full claim—1,500 feet square—you could recover damages from him in the event that he did not deliver to you the full amount of ground stipulated. Most claims are staked short, and until the ground has been surveyed it is impossible to say how much territory any property may include. The usual bill of sale names merely the property and its location, and in the nature of things does not define the amount of ground covered by the claim.

Second—If the survey shows the claim to be 1,200 feet long, and a crown grant for that area is secured, there is no way provided in the mineral act for recovering any additional ground. If the 300 feet in the crown grant is at the end of your claim, which you are at the end of your claim, you may locate it as a fractional mineral claim. A crown grant for it may be secured upon doing the necessary assessment work, amounting to \$250. The extra 300 feet, however, would form an entirely separate claim, and would have no relation to your first location. Thus you would own a plot of ground 1,500 feet square, but it would be held as a claim and a fraction.

Third—Exceedingly severe penalties are provided for any one moving or tampering with location posts. If your stakes have been tampered with, the criminal will on conviction receive the full penalty of a rigorous law. If the owner of the adjoining claim has moved in your end post, and included the stolen territory in his own ground, your recourse is to adverse the disputed territory, if he has not yet received a crown grant for it. The case will then be heard on its merits in a court of justice. If the neighboring claim including the ground in dispute has been crown granted, you should apply to the attorney-general to have the crown grant set aside, when you could relocate the ground you desire, and do the assessment on it as a separate claim. It is evident, however, that in most cases it will be difficult to prove that the post has been moved and the ground stolen.

Fourth—The surveyor is not governed altogether by the posts. If there is any doubt as to their authenticity, the surveyor can make an examination as to the facts of the location, and be guided accordingly in compiling his plat of the ground.

Fifth—It is difficult to believe that there has been any claim stealing of importance in this camp. The penalties are so severe as to make the crime a dangerous one, and the police are very strong against any offence of that sort.—Ed.

### WILL WRESTLE TONIGHT.

Charles Moth and Frank Unfried to Meet at the International. Charles Moth, the champion Greco-Roman wrestler of America, and Frank Unfried, known as the German strong boy, will engage tonight in a five-fall wrestling contest at the International. Time will be called at 7 o'clock.

Moth is one of the best known wrestlers in America, and has only won the championship, which he now holds, after defeating the most scientific men after defeating the unfriended wrestled five years ago at Seattle with Oscar Mabet, Greco Roman and catch-as-catch-can, and threw him. He is in splendid condition, and promises to give his famous antagonist a hard struggle. Both men closed their training yesterday. The prices of admission will be 50 cents and \$1.

Sanders Pleased With the Result. E. D. Sanders, one of the directors of the Le Roi company, was in the city Monday, accompanied by his son, C. W. Sanders. Mr. Sanders, Sr., spent some time looking over the mine in which he is interested, and he was much pleased with the great improvement that has been made there lately. He says there is nothing recent in the negotiations between the minority interests of the Le Roi company and the B. A. C. of the Le Roi company's holdings. Things are in the same shape that they have been for some time past.

Mrs. Charles Dundee is recovering from a two weeks' illness.

## IN OTHER DISTRICTS

The Slocan Is the Theatre of Great Activity.

## A LARGE BULLION OUTPUT

This Region Has Produced \$9,970,000 in the 10 Months Ending October 31—A Big Price Wanted for the North Star Mine.

Appended is the week's mining news from the several divisions of the Kootenays. It reveals that the Slocan division is growing as a producer of bullion:

**SLOCAN DIVISION.**  
The Ledge: The Mollie Hughes will be worked this fall and winter. About 150 feet of tunnels will be driven on the Lost Tiger this winter. The property is on Silver mountains, and is owned by H. Clever. In digging a place for the cabin a new lead was uncovered, which is not surprising, as the owner of the claim is one of the most fortunate men in the district.

The Congo group, on Red Mountain, southeast of New Denver, is improving greatly with work. Here is where the great strike was made some weeks ago. The ledge has widened with depth and the ore body is improving. It carries principally copper and gold. Parties returning to New Denver from the property, who are in a position to know, state that it very much resembles the richest ore of the Roseland camp.

Seven inches of clean ore came into the face of the tunnel on the Mowich on Tuesday last. The tunnel is below the wagon road. This claim is owned by J. A. Finch, Neil Gething and Con. Fielding.

A chute of ore, rich in grey copper, has been traced for nearly 200 feet on the Convention and Merrimac claims, on Silver Mountain. The Merrimac is owned by Nate Tucker and George Long, and the Convention by A. Behne and A. E. Fauquier.

About three years ago George Long and Nate Tucker discovered a lead on the Marion claim. Recently they sold the claim to two of the owners, McInnes and Marino, for \$150.

Considerable work will be done on the March Bird group this fall. This property adjoins the Mollie Hughes to the south.

Eight inches of ore has been struck on the Ajax, where the No. 3 crosscut taps the vein.

A contract to drive 500 feet of tunnel on the Palmistio has been let to Jenken and Co. The tunnel is to be driven by the Palmistio and adjoins the Queen Bee, and is under the management of A. W. Wright.

An assay from carbonates taken from the Summit ledge, above the Noble Five, gave 39 1/2 ounces silver to the ton. The veins are taken from this ledge give 460 ounces silver and 66 per cent lead.

The Silvertonian claims that the Enterprise ore chute is the longest which has been developed in West Kootenay. The Enterprise is being developed and worked by a tunnel system, there being now five principal ones, all of which are driven directly on the vein and in ore.

With the exception of one crosscut, the mine is now being worked on the vein at the end of the chute, and will tap the vein at a depth of 125 feet. This tunnel, when completed, will be 133 feet long, and is now in 101 feet. The property can be drained and worked to a depth of 900 feet before it will be necessary to resort to drifting, or to erect any kind of machinery.

A contract has been let to A. Trebilcock of Sandton to run 200 feet of tunnel on the Canadian group. The lower tunnel is now in a distance of 400 feet, and this additional 200 feet is to be added to it. Mr. Trebilcock was the foreman at the Canadian group at the time of the last shut-down.

The work being done at the Emily Edith is showing that property to be one of the biggest concentrating propositions in the Slocan region. Considerable clean work has been encountered, but the management is pushing development, and not at present trying to separate it from the concentrating ore, as a concentrator will eventually be erected and it can then be handled much cheaper than to sort it at present.

The Antoine mine at McGuigan shipped 15 tons this week. The Wakefield has 37 men at work, and will continue all winter. The Grey Copper, one of the Good-enough group, reports an important strike.

The Noble Five has three air drills at work, and is driving over 20 feet of tunnels a day. Herewith are given the shipments of the Slocan district for the 10 months ending October 31:

Payne	11,550
Bull	3,475
Idaho (Three Forks)	3,475
Slocan Star	2,325
Lost Chance	1,425
Queen Bee (T. F.)	1,000
Silverton Camp, about	1,000
Almo (T. F.)	1,000
Reco	500
Bossan (New Denver)	500
Sovereign	500
Treasure Vault	500
California (N. D.)	500
W. A. C.	500
Canadian Group	500
Goodenough	500
W. A. C.	500
Husler (T. F.)	500
Wonderful Group	500
Mountain Peak	500
Argo	500
Total	26,175

To this total should be given the Lucky Jim shipments billed at Whitevale, where the mine is in the district. They were probably 900 tons, or a grand total of 27,000 tons for this district since January. W. A. Carlyle in his annual report of last year, placed the Slocan ores at \$110 a ton. At this figure the Slocan mines have so far turned out \$2,970,000 worth of ore.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

An important strike has been made on the Pretty Girl group, Windermere. At a depth of 100 feet ore was run into in a crosscut from the main tunnel. The width of the ledge through which the crosscut has already been run is seven feet six inches, highly mineralized throughout; the hanging wall has not yet been reached. The snow is now so exceedingly deep there that operations have had to be suspended in the midst of this discovery, but in the early spring work will be resumed.

In the North Star in East Kootenay, the main vein has been struck at a depth of 100 feet, where it is ten feet in width. The Rothschilds are said to be negotiating for the mine on a basis of \$3,000,000. The wagon road to the Sullivan group is completed. The road is about two and a half miles in length and the grades easy. E. C. Smith was in town on Monday; he says that a 25-horse power boiler, pumps and hoist are now on their way to Fort Steele. A force of 15 or 20 men will be employed during the winter and the mine developed to a depth of 300 feet. Messrs. Kidpath, Blake and Hogan, members of the district board of miners, pumped and hoist are now on their way to Fort Steele. A force of 15 or 20 men will be employed during the winter and the mine developed to a depth of 300 feet. Messrs. Kidpath, Blake and Hogan, members of the district board of miners, pumped and hoist are now on their way to Fort Steele.

The first payment on the bond of \$20,000 on the Big Chief was made on the 1st instant. The amount of the payment is \$1,600. The next payment of \$3,000 falls due on January 1; the balance extends over a balance of one year.

Mr. Egan has a force of seven men at work developing the property, and an open cut ending in a tunnel is now in over 24 feet. The ledge is about five feet in width, and in many places the yellow metal can be seen in the ore.

Placer mining in the vicinity of Palmer bar will be one of the strongest attractions to the bar during the coming season. It is reported that a strong company has taken up a 20-year lease of about two miles of rich ground, and has taken up 500 inches of water. A \$25,000 hydraulic plant will be placed in operation by the opening of the coming season.

The Porto Rico mine at Ymir is developed by a series of three tunnels of an aggregate length of 1,050 feet. The ore is free milling, and will concentrate about 40 to 50 per cent. The vein is about 22 inches in width, and lies in a porphyry formation. The mine is equipped with a five-drill compressor, a 10-stamp mill with a crushing capacity of 400 tons per day, and an aerial tramway half a mile in length from the mine to the millsite. Within a period of not more than three weeks the owners expect to have their stamps dropping. The ore is being stored in bins and is at present being confined to opening the stope and in making a raise from the lower No. 3 tunnel to the No. 2 tunnel. The lower tunnel gives 500 feet of back, employing 30 men.

A force of men is developing the Blackcock, on the north fork of Oakes creek, for Major Furlong. Winter quarters are being secured at the camp. The property, near Salmo, under the supervision of H. E. T. Haultain, M. E., is getting in good shape for the winter. Cabins are being put up, trails made, etc. It is expected work will be vigorously prosecuted all winter.

### NELSON DIVISION.

The Boundary Boundary group, near Angas Cameron of Gladstone and Cascade City, was in town this week. He has recently been in Roseland, carrying on negotiations for the working of the John Bull group of gold-copper claims, located near Gladstone. Mr. Cameron now declares that the statement in last week's Boundary Creek Times that a one-third interest in the group had been transferred for \$300,000 worth of development, was not correct. He said, however, that a deal was on, which would probably be completed in a few days, and that a gang of four men had already started on the movement work on the property. This will be good news for that part of the country. Assays on the John Bull group run from \$22 to \$47 in gold and copper. This is the average of over 20 tests made from average samples.

### A BUNK HOUSE BURNED.

Property to the Value of \$1,000 Destroyed by Fire. Yesterday evening, at about 8 o'clock, the citizens were surprised to notice the glare of a big fire over in the direction of the White Bear, and shortly after a messenger arrived in town with the information that the combined bunk and cook house, a log building, belonging to the White Bear, had been burnt to the ground. The fire, from all accounts, originated in an overheated cook-stove, but it is not absolutely known. The cook had gone to town for the evening and left his personal effects, most and lost all his personal effects, and the men employed on the mine and personal effects. The company will lose in the neighborhood of \$1,000 for the building, rather large, and a winter's supply of stores that they had recently got in were destroyed.

Last night John Y. Cole, manager for the White Bear, announced that the buildings would be rebuilt at once.

### The French Creek Placers.

J. E. Webb, formerly a special policeman at the International, returned yesterday from a six months' stay at French creek, about 100 miles north of Revelstoke, where he was engaged with the Chicago outfit which is working the French creek placers. The same line and machinery is in order, and two cleanups have been made. Both were very profitable. The property was employed about 25 men, who were driven out on Saturday by the snow, which is two feet deep already.

## THE STOCK MARKET

Iron Masks Are Firm and Hard to Purchase.

## DEER PARKS ARE FIRM

There Is Considerable Inquiry For White Bears, and It Looks as Though There Would Be a Movement in Them Before Long.

The week ending last evening was a fairly lively one in the stock market, and brokers generally reported that business, while not rushing like it was during the high tide of last summer, was fairly lively. The market is rapidly recovering its tone, and it seems certain that by the first or second week in January business will be in full swing again.

Iron Masks are stiff and hard to purchase. These shares were offered a week since for 59 cents, and yesterday they were firm at 69 bid. These shares are held so firmly that only a few could be purchased at these figures. The new and enlarged compressor plant for the Iron Mask is en route, and when this is installed the output is to be increased, and once the litigation with the Centre Star is ended and the ownership of the disputed vein settled the company should pay dividends.

There has been an increased demand for Deer Parks, and they are firm and have sold from 18 to 19 cents during the week. There promises to be a movement in these shares before long.

There is a good deal of trading in Novelties at 4 1/2 cents. The Novelties party is looking well. The ore from the surface assay from \$3 to \$24, and it looks as though when depth has been gained there will be uncovered a valuable ore body. Where the surface indications are so promising it is a good sign.

White Bears are in good demand and they are selling at from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents. There has been more of a call for these shares during the past few days than for some time past. The demand is occasioned because the White Bear property is looking better than it ever has in its history. The assay value of the ore found in the main drift is higher than ever before. The public is asked to keep its eyes on this property, as there should be some developments therein before long.

Grand Prizes are selling at from 3 to 3 1/2 cents, and a number of shares have been disposed of. This property adjoins the Deer Park, and is affected by the same party. Should there be an advance in Deer Parks, as there is likely to be before long, these shares should advance in sympathy, as the property adjoins the Grand Prize, it is claimed, has the same ledge as the Deer Park.

War Eagles have fluctuated between \$2.90 and \$3 during the week. Because of the up and down it forms a good speculative stock and is eagerly sought after by those who wish to purchase for investment. This property has paid \$151,000 so far this year in dividends, and with the installation of the new and enlarged plant and the consequent increase in the output, it is certain that there will be an increase in the size of the dividends. In fact, such an increase has been promised by the management.

It looks as though the slump in Monte Christo reached its lowest point during the week, when they sold as low as 8 cents. Under the influence of large buying orders from Montreal and Toronto, these shares have advanced to 10 cents, and are firm. The demand is now in the hands of insiders are now in the market gathering in the shares. There is no fact on which to base this presumption except that many of the larger orders come from Montreal and Toronto. There is considerable demand and not a few sales of Jumbos. The property of the Jumbo company is in a promising condition and the management expects to be able to begin the shipment of ore some time this winter. At first no attempt will be made to ship on a large scale. Only enough of the ore will be marketed to pay for the development work and so relieve the stockholders from further assessments.

Iron Horses are selling at 12 1/2 @ 17 cents. The second carload of machinery for the compressor plant was started on the 10th inst. from the factory of the James Cooper Manufacturing company and will be on the 28th. It is said to be in running order and then the work of sinking the double-compartment shaft will be resumed.

Glades are selling at from 6 to 6 1/2 cents. There is an enlarged local demand for Sarah Lees at 7 1/2 cents per share. Fairmonts are going off rapidly. The sale of a large block of these desirable shares is now pending and will doubtless be closed early in the week.

Monarchs are selling rapidly at 7 cents. Eureka shares were largely sold during the week. Jim Blaines sold at from 67 to 70 cents and the movement was rather large. Blaines seem to be favorites with the investing public. Ben Hus sold at from 20 to 22 cents. Lone Pines are selling at from 15 to 16 cents. Princess Mauds are selling at from 17 to 18 cents. Butte & Boston are going off at 10 cents.

F. A. Mulholland, manager of the Deer Park mine, suddenly left for Toronto last night. Before taking the train Mr. Mulholland was seen by a representative of THE MINER and asked if he had anything to say with reference to the object of his journey. He declined to answer, further than to state that he was going east to consult with the directors of the Deer Park company concerning certain matters of importance connected with the operation of the mine. Mr. Mulholland will be gone about 10 days.

### THE NIAGARA CANAL.

Grace Syndicate Has Now Secured the Concession to Build.

New York, Nov. 16.—E. F. Cragin of Chicago, who engineered the purchase of the concession for the building of the Nicaragua canal in the interest of the Grace syndicate, arrived here today on the steamer Alleghany, from Greytown. He was accompanied by Colonel Bacon and Mr. Eyre, of the firm of Grace & Co., and a corps of civil engineers belonging to that corporation. Mr. Cragin says the syndicate which he represented when Warner Miller's concession was supposed to end in 1899.

"There is a possibility, however, that the Maritime company will abandon the work when they understand the provisions of the new syndicate purchase. This may permit a cancellation of the old contract in advance of the time set, and that would give us a chance to begin work immediately."

"Will the purchase of the Nicaraguan government's steamboats, railways and national lands by the Atlas, a British corporation, interfere in any way with the concessions to the Grace syndicate?"

"Not in the least. The contract specifically states that there will be no interference with the grants made by the government prior to, or after purchase." Mr. Cragin, in closing, said the route of the canal will not be changed and the capital to complete the work has already been subscribed.

### THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

A STORK ARRIVALMENT OF THE AMERICAN COURTS—ETC.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 16.—Most of today's session of the Knight of Labor convention was devoted to reports of committees and that of General Master Workman Hicks. The report of the executive said in part:

"It seems next to impossible to secure the passage by congress of a proper measure to regulate immigration to our shores. The influence of foreign steamship companies appears to be all powerful to prevent any such legislation."

"The Judiciary, with a few honorable exceptions, are merely the hirelings of capitalist oppressors, and legislation is necessary to reconquer the courts. Incessant imprisonments, bayonets and bullets are awaiting the men who take any decided stand against the encroachments of capital."

General Master Workman Hicks, in his annual report, took strong ground in opposition to the anti-expansion policy of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. "No part of the territory where our nation's blood was lost or the flag raised," he said, "should be allowed to go out of our possession; still we should not, under the guise of humanity, either take for our own or turn back to Spain any portion of the scenes of our various battles, but make them all free and independent. Let us not fear the importation of their cheap labor, but rather let us educate them to our standard."

### THE U. S. REVENUE LAW.

Special Instructions Given to Those Required to Use Stamps.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Special Internal Revenue Commissioner Brown read a communication from Washington this morning requesting him to put before the people in a conspicuous manner section 11 of the war revenue act. The letter states that complaints have been made to the treasury department by United States district attorney, E. P. Close, regarding the payment of the revenue stamp tax on drafts and checks sent from Canada. The complaint implies that when a party wishes to send a draft or order to Canada, he goes to Canadian banks and makes out the instrument. The banks transact the business through New York correspondents. When a person to whom a draft or order is made out receives it he endorses it in favor of some creditor without putting on the necessary stamp. When the draft is forwarded to New York for collection the stamp is put on by the New York bank and the bill in turn sent to the Canadian bank from which the document is sent. The banks of Canada object to paying this as they in no way benefit by it. If any one neglects to do this he is subject to a fine of \$100. The Canadian banks, through the local attorneys, propose to prosecute persons failing to comply with the law.

### THE WHITE MINERS WON.

Chicago Virden Coal Company Agrees to Pay 40 Cents per Ton.

VIRIDEN, Ill., Nov. 16.—The plant of the Chicago Virden Coal company opened for work this morning, after an idleness since April 1, during which time two attempts were made to start with colored men from Alabama. The opening at this time is the result of a written agreement entered into with the miners, conceding to them the Springfield scale of 40 cents per ton. The mine owners agree to take away the stockade from around the works.

### Boers Capture a Stronghold.

PRETORIA, Nov. 16.—The Boers, after a heavy musketry and hand-to-hand combat, have stormed and captured the mountain stronghold of Chief Opepu, of the Magatos tribe, in the Zoutansberg district. Opepu recently massacred a missionary and his family, and the Transvaal government sent an expedition to punish the natives. The latter attacked the Boers, but were driven into the mountains. Two Boers were killed during the storming of the mountain.

### National Bank Closed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Mr. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, issued an order closing the First National Bank at Emporia, Kansas.

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