

MINING NOTES

A rumor gained currency around Cranbrook recently that the American Smelting & Refining Company intended erecting a smelter somewhere in the immediate vicinity. This canard had its source in Spokane and by easy stages found its way here. The whole thing is nonsense. It has not been proved that the Company has, so far, spent a dollar in taking up any of its various options. It is quite true that somewhat extensive diamond drill exploration is actually going on on the Stenwinder and Ontario ground, on the North Star hill at Kimberley, but beyond this the Company has been making no expenditures in this locality. It is not wise to think, therefore, that they without having, so to speak, a ton of ore developed and in sight would entertain the idea of going to the expense of perhaps a million dollars in the erection of a smelter. That can only come when they have ore in quantity sufficient to justify the operation of such a plant; and even if they had, it does not follow that they would treat their ore in this province. They might take it to one of their own smelting plants in the States and in the beginning, there is no doubt this is the plan they would adopt. For this purpose they would need independent railway transportation and would, very likely, build to Elko to connect with the Great Northern at that point. For this development, too, we shall have to wait very patiently indeed.

All that can be said with regard to the activities of the American Smelting & Refining Company in the Kimberley area is that they, apparently, intend to look into the possibilities of the district; to give the locality a fair and thorough investigation and if they find conditions suit them they will then operate on a scale proportionate to the resources they will find fit for development. That is all that can be said conservatively and with certainty. There is no justification for going beyond it; but at the same time it may be said that when a concern of the enormous importance and financial power of the American Smelting & Refining Company finds itself warranted in investigating any particular district, it does not readily withdraw its hand. It keeps advancing. Further, its operations are the greatest advertisement our district can get. Where the American Smelting & Refining Company casts anchor is always considered safe ground for smaller investors who argue that they would not come in if the stuff were not there to justify them. There is more of the "sheep-instinct" amongst mining investors and operators than amongst other people.

Time was, not so long ago either, when if the American Smelting & Refining Company bought or took an option on a piece of ground, half the wild-catters in the country would flock in and start their magic. Many a wild-cat company was floated on a lump of ore not as big as a hat and which was, in many a case, brought from foreign parts. With all his lives, the wild-catter now seems to be fairly and satisfactorily dead. It has come to this that he must deliver the goods, he must show he has got the stuff before he can handle a dollar. During the boom days in the Slocan, Ainsworth and Rossland camps, the prospector always got a large payment of cash down before the purchaser struck a pick in the ground. That payment in advance was looked upon by the purchaser as a possible dead loss, just as might be the outlay he would make for the development of the property. Nowadays no man in his sober senses even expects a dollar until the claims have shown that the mineral is there to pay for that dollar. Those who expect "half cash on the signing of the bill of sale and the balance inside of two years" are simply fooling themselves. They will not get it and it is only right that they should not. It is enough that the investor stands the chance of losing the money he may spend in costly examination without having to pay hard cash for the privilege of exploring another man's property. When prospectors and claim owners get this point clearly in their minds it will be better for the country and better for themselves in the long run.—Cranbrook Herald.

I.O.D.E.

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- 12 handkerchiefs, J. Davidson.
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- 3 suits pyjamas, Mrs. Birkett, Coal Creek.
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Donation from Guards, Morrissey Internment Camp per Lt. McLaine, for Red Cross Fund, \$39.85.

Donation from the Ladies Hockey Clubs for Red Cross, \$24.

Mrs. Alice Trites, Sec. Mount Chapter, I.O.D.E., Fernie, B.C., Canada:

Dear Madam—I have received from Lt.-Col. Playlock, Canadian Red Cross Commissioner, your draft for \$70.50, being the proceeds, I understand, of two lectures given by Capt. Julia Fenshaw.

I have handed the sum to our Mission, to be expended at Capt. Fenshaw's request "for special comforts" on behalf of No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

I wish to thank the Mount Fernie Chapter I.O.D.E. and the East Kootenay Chapter I.O.D.E. and Capt. Fenshaw for this handsome and useful donation.

John Stewart, Lt.-Col.

O.C. No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

B.E.F., France, Dec. 5, 1917.

The Regent and members of the I.O.D.E. wish to thank all those who kindly assisted on Tag Day.

Miss Olive Brown was in charge in Fernie and was assisted by Mesdames Hewitt, Carmichael, Stewart, H. Brown, Wood, Irvine, J. McLean, Klauer and Misses Duthie, McDougall, O'Neill, C. Cody, D. Elzuto and Myrtle Brown.

Mrs. Workman was in charge at Coal Creek and was assisted by Mesdames W. J. Miller, Page, Reed and Misses Hale and Young.

Mrs. Littler was in charge at Michel and was assisted by Mesdames Zoratti, Little, Whiteside and Misses Gamage, Hutchinson and Estabrook.

Collected in Fernie \$177.75

Collected in Coal Creek 115.85

Collected in Michel 140.75

\$434.35

THE LATE ARTHUR CREE

(Victoria Colonist)

After a lingering illness of over two years' duration, Arthur H. Cree, late of Fernie, and also very well known in Victoria, passed away yesterday at New Westminster.

For over twelve years Mr. Cree was a prominent real estate and insurance agent in Fernie, B.C., where he built up a successful business, later on taking into partnership Major G. G. Moffett. For a time in Fernie he was president of the Board of Trade and held other civic positions which brought him into touch with the representative men of the district. He was also a valued member of the Anglican church at that place.

It was in 1912 that he came to Victoria, and for a time was associated with the Provincial Secretary's Department.

Mr. Cree was born at Stoke-Dameral, Devonshire, England and was the son of the late Edward Hodges Cree, Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets. On arriving in Canada he was attached to the N.W.M.P. and served through the South African war with Strathcona's Horse as an N. C. O. In 1907 he married Muriel R. Suddaby, daughter of J. Suddaby, principal of model and public schools at Kitchener, Ont. She and two small sons are left to mourn his loss. There also survive four brothers: William Cree, M. D., Tavistock; Col. H. E. Cree, 26 General Hospital, France; Col. Gerald Cree, C.B., C. G. M.; and Douglas Cree, M. D., London, Eng.; and one sister, Mrs. Morley Edison Clough.

Mr. E. O. S. Scholesfield, Provincial Librarian, who knew Mr. Cree well, paid the deceased a warm tribute when he said of him that "he was a man of wide reading and cultured manners and a most delightful companion."

The funeral was held from the B.C. Funeral Chapel. Rev. C. R. Littler officiated at the service and at the graveside in Ross Bay cemetery. Many friends, including delegations from the British Campers' Association, the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and the Provincial civil service, attended the service, at which the hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "Nearer My God to Thee." The casket was hidden beneath a wealth of beautiful floral tributes. The following friends of the family acted as pallbearers: R. S. Day, Col. McIlree, Major G. E. Moffett, Dr. H. F. Young, J. Hutchinson and J. J. Nash.

VICTORY WON BY FAKE NEWS

Reverting to the disruption of the Second Italian army, it has been ascertained that the faking by the Germans of the Roman papers referred to was one of the most artistic pieces of work yet discovered in the remarkable German propaganda department. Not only the dates, folio numbers, etc. were reproduced, but the tempera pictures, leading news items, etc., with the added streaming headlines concerning how the streets of Turin, Florence and other Italian cities were running with blood as the result of the oppression of the "cruel English invaders." The men were told in circumstantial accounts how in view of the murder of their women and children they were required at

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home to protect them against the English, instead of being in the fighting line against the friendly and well-wishing Germans. Nothing, it is safe to say, according to trained observers of what happened through the German efforts, could have been more successful than the German effort in this respect. The Italians threw down their guns and went over in batches. —Editor and Publisher, New York.

Methodist Church, Coal Creek

Sunday, Jan. 27.—Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. 3.45 p.m.—A meeting to organize a Canadian Boys Efficiency Test Club. All boys and young men invited to attend. Mr. Golightly will be there to assist. The usual service will be held at 7.30 p.m., when the pastor will preach.—Bishop Black.

Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 27.—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday school at 2.30 p.m.

Monday, 3.30 p.m., Mission Circle. Monday, 8 p.m., The third quarterly Official Board Meeting.

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