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n engaged build-or the past year,

China's Huge Rabble Army

Numbers a Million on a War Footing, but Has no Unity or Discipline.

Shanghai Arsenal--Well Equipped and Perfectly Furnished--Lord Beresford's Criticisms.

The war news from China has created anch interest in the Chinese army, and e reports to the effect that the Boxer many readers to wonder how and of what material the Chinese regular army is composed. In this as in many other things the Chinese have not kept up with other nations, and their deficiency was clearly demonstrated during the armies, neither of these is known as the description." Imperial army. There is an army for who are descendants of the Manchu con- officers and non-commissioned officers to querors and their allies. Of these about eighty thousand are maintained on a war tion of the army. Prince Ching said at footing, and are divided into three groups, Mongols, Chinese and Manchus, and form an hereditary profession within which intermarriage is compulsory. Of these hereditary soldiers about four thousand are usually stationed at Pekin as an Imperial guard.

The National Army.

The national army is called Ying Ping. This body is known also as the "Green Flags' and the "Five Camps," it being divided into five distinct parts. This army is subdivided into eighteen corps, one for each province, and is under the mmediate command of the Governor-General or Viceroy. The nominal strength of this national army is about six hundred thousand, but of this number only about two hundred thousand are available for war. The Tien Tsin army corps is most important, and has about thirty-five thousand men. These have been drilled by foreign officers, and have modern arms and equipment, and do garrison and police duty at Tien Tsin

The "mercenary troops" play an important part in the Chinese military sys-They are raised in emergencies. Then there are the Mongolian cavalry police. An empire with four hundred is probable that not more than 100 to and other irregular cavalry, numbering millions of people should have an effec- 200 tons a day will be able to be shipped about twenty thousand, which have been tive army, and even the city of Pekin, described by foreign observers as "of where the interviews took place, could no military value." The total land army not exist, with its population of 1,300,on a peace footing is estimated at three 000, without armed and organized prohundred thousand men, and on war foot- tection. ing at about one million; but the army as a whole, according to the same au minister of Japan, said that the dis- the Evening Star and Jumbo into acas a whole, according to the same authority, has no unity or cohesion; there memberment of China would occur uncount, double the present weekly output as a gold producer, and it is wonderful six months, that despite the disis no proper discipline; the drill is mere less China supplied herself with an ade- of the camp before snow flies or at the

since obsolete, and there is no transport, commissariat, or medical service. But the various provinces spend much money for army purposes, and maintain great arsanals where war material in the

ern institution in good order, and if or-

ganized under European control. Lord

Beresford thinks, could supply war ma-

terial for the whole military forces of

China. It was organized by Europeaus

and is now in charge of two English-

men. To show what the arsenal is ca-

less than two years ago shows the fol-

it would provide that security for trade

the provincial government of the vice

roy of Chi-Li. It is well supplied with

everything in the way of tools and ma-

chinery and has spare room enough for

a plant to supply the whole Chinese

British subject, but the actual head is

taels-about \$100 a month. A similar

position in England or America would,

according to the report of a European

visitor, be worth at least \$10,000 a year.

15,000 dollars a day, is in this arsenal.

There also is the naval school, the An

napolis of China. This school has 60

students, sons of noblemen, between the

ages of 16 and 20, who remain at the

Chinese official, whose salary is 150

The plant is in charge of a

ceived did not at present exist."

lowing work in progress:

B-pounders, all "quick-firing."

12-inch fifty-ton pieces.

shape of guns and ammunition is made and stored. The Great Arsenal at Shanghai. The great arsenal at Shanghai seems to be out of place in connection with the antique and slipshod Chinese army. This large place is under the provincial govwhich the empire must fall. ernment of the viceroy of Nanking, and is full of modern tools and machinery,

The plan suggested at the time is stores and material of every description. The arsenal is in every respect a well

> A LETTER FROM KROONSTAD. Seymour H. O'Dell Expects to Return to

The following letter was received this morning from Corp. O'Dell, the Times pable of producing, a report made out correspondent with the first Canadian con-

The Rest Camp at Kroonstad, O.F.S.,

9.2 guns for garrison batteries; eight 6- inst., for a few days' rest. It was then inch guns, twelve 4.7 guns, twenty 12about 40 miles east and 8 miles north of pounders, twenty 6-pounders, and fifty this town, in the direction of Lindley, and that morning they were off to Hellbron. I All the steel for these guns was made have since learnt they have arrived there in the arsenal from native ore. The and are moving northward. To day I, to machinery at this arsenal is adequate company with Corp. Manson and Trooper for the manufacture of all calibres up to Boit, of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. obtained passes to proceed by rail to re-The director of the plant-a Chinese mandarin-expressed anxiety as to what the railway, is now about 50 miles from is going to become of China in the fuhere, and each day it is shifted further ture, and favored relations in England north, so that we may cross the Vaal river which would give China the benefit of four or five days, that is providing the British protection. Lord Beresford, in bridge across that river which the enemy his account of an interview with the mandarin, says: "I pointed out to him

blew up has been repaired. "Pte. Hicks, of A. Co., is here and exthe large and useless expenditure of pects to remain a few days longer. I have money incurred by the manufacture of ing to rejoin our regiment, and it was only heavy artillery, which should have nothing to do with the maintenance of the here in company with some of our nurses, through meeting Lt. Col. Ryerson, who is integrity of China under present condi- that I was able, through his courtesy and tions, whereas if the same money was devoted to equipping a serviceable army more desirous of sending men down to more desirous of sending men down to

Bloemfontein and further south than up to the front.

"News leaked out fo-day that General"

"News leaked out fo-day that General" and commerce which foreign nations per-Besides this arsenal there are similar institutions at Tien Tsin, Nanking. Hankow, Foo Choo, Canton, and Ching Tu. The arsenal at Tien Tsin is under

ver now. Imperial officers than ever I experienced at

"You may expect to hear from me as I proceed, and hoping to meet friends again in Victoria about the first week in August, The mint, with a capacity for making will close

SEYMOUR HASTINGS O'DELL. ages of 16 and 20, who remain at the school five years, and then are placed land, and in different parts of England. and the south vein on the same level is

on a training ship for further instruc-PARAGORAGE CARRACTERS SARRE tion. At this school all the pupils are taught English. Next door to the Naval Hining Pews Academy is another school with accommodations for 30, where young men receive instruction in the Russian language, with a view to becoming Russian

Rossland Camp.

mining review says:

The Rossland Miner in its weekly

main ledge of the Columbia-Kootenay

The camp should soon add to its list of

regular shippers four new mines which

named. For both the first-named there-

yet remains the completion of the com-

pressor which is, however, nearly whol-

will have to complete its hoist. This will

ments separate from each of its proper-

ties is not known. It is probable that

such distinction will not be made, as

there are no less than seven fractions

making up the total of its property. The

300 tons a day should be able to be

obtained from these two properties

output. This will total 2,000 on a

work remains to be done. The ore bin,

which is to be 750 tons capacity, has

been started upon, and the railway will

run in the necessary spur during the

coming month. Therefore, shipments

may be expected, unless something un-

The fourth mine, the Columbia-Koot-

not far short of a mile to a mile and a

half. More powerful hoisting machin-

ery is also required in order to allow of

capacity of the mine will probably prove

to be larger than the Nickel Plate, yet it

at the inception. This will, however,

give a total of at least 4,500 tons from

these newer shipping properties and will,

without taking the resumption of the

shipments from the War Eagle and Cen-

Le Roi 4,347

Centre Star

Iron Mask

I. X. L. 23

Evening Star

Monte Christo

Iron Colt

Giant

Total 4,370 68,072

Le Roi.-Timbering in the shaft itself

is still in progress and will not be finish-

next week or possibly the beginning of

the next. Consequently the sinking of

the shaft to the 900 level is not as yet

resumed. The great stopes in the mine

are being made to yield up their stored

contents of ore, which is being shipped

at the rate of 600 tons a day to the

Northport smelter. The development

work is proceeding as usual in exten-

sions and connections over the various

levels, especially on the 500, 300 and

Centre Star.-Below, the work of

level which, it will be remembered, only

as another seam in the vein was come

across on the 200 level in the shaft, the

shaft dipping slightly north. This, as in the Nickel Plate, tends to show that

in this belt of ore north of the gabbro.

that the country is better mineralized with depth. It may be said that this find of ore is directly under the same

seam as shown up in the fifth, fourth, third and second levels, and also on

those intermediate to them. Some pros

north crosscut to the Tip Top vein is

War Bagle, The lateral drift at the

seventh level of the mine is being prose-

cuted and fair progress is being made

Stoping is in progress on the fifth and

seventh levels, the ore being broken

down and stored in the stopes othem-

being prosecuted in No. 16.

second levels west,

ed to the 800 level till the end of the

Week. Year.

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Tons.

foreseen supervenes, early in August.

Making Useless Material. At the Nanking arsenal there are no European employees, and although the machinery is modern it is used in the manufacture of useless war material. The Chinese authorities at this place showed the English visitors with great the apex of the vein. This practically pleasure and pride a weapon from which establishes the worth of the expensive a bullet could be sent through four in- boring into the bowels of the mountain. ches of wood, and said that no other

interpreters. The money for the main-

tenance of this school is provided by the

Pekin government.

nation possessed similar weapons. "It was heartbreaking," said the English visitor, "to see both officials and will be the Josie, No. 1, Nickel Plate workmen taking pleasure and using dili- and Columbia-Kootenay in the order mobs cannot be suppressed have caused gence in the manufacture of costly but absolutely useless war material."

When Lord Charles Beresford visited China two years ago as the representa- ly assembled. In addition, the No. 1 tive of the English chambers of commerce, he said: "Great Britain has 64 probably place the No. 1 a little behind per cent. of the whole foreign trade of the Josie. Whether it is the intention China, and is naturally anxious as to of the Le Roi No. 2 to keep its ship-Chino-Japanese war. But the warning its adequate security, and, being on very was not sufficiently heeded, and the im- friendly terms with the Chinese, it might provements which have been made in be possible that the British government he army since then were not sufficient | would allow an officer to help the Chinbring the military up to the point ese to put their army in order, if the where it should be for the protection of Chinese government applied to the Britthe country. Although there are two ish government for assistance of this

He also advised the officers of the each province. This body, known as the Tsung-li-Yamen that it might be well Army of Eight Banners, contains nomin- to invite other nations having large ally about three hundred thousand men, trading interests in China to lend a few work with the British in the reorganizathat time that they had already had German officers to drill some of the troops, and that Captain Lang, a British naval officer, had assisted in organizing their fleet.

The Prince and some other nobles called on Lord Charles Beresford at the legation shortly after the interview. In his account of the visit Lord Beresford

"They informed me that a special edict had been issued on the previous ands of cubic yards of ore being proved, day to Chung Chi Tung, the viceroy of as in the other conditions which pertain Hunan and Hupeh, ordering him to have to economical shipment. The comprestwo thousand of his troops in readiness, sor, for instance, is at present of only in order that they should be put under a British officer for drill and organization as a trial. A thousand of these were to be Chinese, under the immediate command of Chung Chi Tung, and the other thousand were to be Manchus, Plate, and will have to be of a length under the command of the Tartar General Hsiang Hing."

The Ineffective Provincial System. The system against which Lord Beres- the development work at the lower ford argued was that of having provin- levels, keeping up with the progress of cial armies. These, he said, were in stoping in any large quantity above. effective, and a vast amount of property All these things will consume fine in had been destroyed, and many lives of placing in proper trim and though the missionaries had been sacrificed, all owing to the want of efficient military and

At Shanghai the Marquis Ito, late tre Star, and the possible addition of al exercise; the weapons are long quate military and police force to pro- most postponed date the close of the tect foreigners. This was in October, year, 1898. He favored the scheme by which | Appended is a statement of the shipthe four trading powers-Great Britain, the United States, Japan and Germany date: -should assist China in the reorganiza-

tion of her military forces. At Nanking Lord Beresford again urged the organization of an army under War Eagle European officers, in an interview with the viceroy, Liu Kwen Yi, who at first demurred, but was finally convinced that it was the only way to guarantee security of the foreign element, without

similar to the one which is credited to the Emperor of China in his alleged appeal to the powers which was published equipped and perfectly furnished mod-

Victoria Next Month

Two 9.2 guns to be mounted on hydro-May 29th, 1900. pneumatic disappearing carriages; two "I left the regiment on Sunday, 20th 700 levels,

"News leaked out to-day that General French was in Johannesburg, so it is only a matter of a very few weeks before the war will be over, in fact it is practically

"Col. Otter passed through here about a week ago with winter clothing for the regiment, and Capt. Macdonnell yesterday also with clothing, but the latter did not put himself out in any way to enable me e get back to the front. It is a regrettable fact that I have had far better treatment and more courtesy shown to me by the hands of my own.

Herbert Wheeler, operator in the Western Union, returned last night from

proceeding at the 600-foot level north and south to the ore bodies there known to exist. The drift on the vein near the shaft to the south has disclosed some The principal item of the week is the very fine ore. discovery of ore in the footwall in the

Big Four.-Ten men are now employ ed on this property. Drifting along the No. 1 vein continues. When this has nearly 1,000 feet below the outcrop on been driven for a distance of 100 feet it is anticipated by the management on the No. 2 vein continues. The rock eralized, and work is slow. The pros-

> New St. Elmo.-Henry Krumb, manager of the St. Elmo, received a telegram from the company on the 21st, directing him to stop work by hand, as it was too slow and expensive, and wait until the compressor is repaired before resuming work. In acordance with these instructions Mr. Krumb on Friday closed down the property. It will take some little time to put the compressor in order, as extensive repairs are I. X. L.-A carload of ore was sent to

capacity of these mines are such that the Northport smelter from the I. X. L. during the past week. The ore was from the stopes above the second level. shortly after the inception of the regular Some of the ore is very rich, and Mr. Roy H. Clarke, the manager, showed one piece of the ore that weighed about The Nickel Plate should be the nexttwo pounds, in which there was \$100 shipper. Here the hoist and headworks worth of gold. Some of the ore taken are not quite ready, though but little out runs over \$3,000 to the ton.

Leiter.-The American Corporation remine on a large scale.

Josie.-The contract work on the winze on the Josie, between the 300 and 500 enay, is not so far advanced. This stateevels is making satisfactory progress. ment does not apply to the amount of necessary development work which is ways along the ledge. On the western extremely well advanced, many thousgold, is looking well.

Annie.-The joint shaft on the North Le Roi ledge is now close down to the 20 drill capacity, and a large plant is 100-foot level, and a noist is now to be wanted for the estimated work. The installed which will permit of the sinkconstruction of a line to the mine preing being continued down to the 300 sents greater difficulties than occur at evel. The ore body is maintaining its either the Le Roi No. 2 or at the Nickel

Novelty.-Operations on the Novelty have been resumed under the direction of J. W. Campbell. The work at present is confined to surface prospecting. Further on the work of exploring the roperty at depth will be commenced. Velvet.-Work continues on the 303foot level, where the ledge is being driftthe sinking of the shaft from the 300 to the 400-foot level.

Nelson Mines.

In a recent issue the Tribune described fully the starting up of the Venus mill on Morning mountain, thus adding another to the list of the shipping mines and giving another proof of ing review, says: the richness of that hill. Morning that its richness is being proved.

so far, is, of course, the Athabasca, ponding half year of 1899 by 4,000 tons ments for the past week and year to mill has to be run slowly, but the 10,000 tons of ore which is ready for monthly clean-up has averaged about shipment whenever these mines are in \$10,000. Last month the returns took condition to resume regular shipment a jump, \$18,500 being recovered in buil The War Eagle and Centre Star, the lion and concentrates, while this month Jumbo and the Evening Star and the a \$25,000 clean-up is expected. To these Columbia-Kootenay, together with the carry quite an appreciable quantity of winter, show again upon the weekly list. gold. These have been saved, and, it is ought to send the monthly output up to understood, a cyanide plant is about to 50,000 tons, the average value of which. general meeting held in London last is placed at \$16.50, cannot be taken less to increase the plant, but if the monthly will pay. This will mean, at a conserit looks as if that move would be unnecessary. The Athabasca has been making some money right along, and the date: profits being made now are very large.

The Exchequer, also on Morning mountain, near the Athabasca tramway, is another promising property, and free milling, like all the Morning mountain mines. This property, which lay idle for some years owing to dissension clearing out the sump below the rourth among the shareholders, started up some level, filled with the debris of rock two years ago, and has been worked conbroken down in the timbering of the in- tinuously until recently. Connections clined shaft, is still in progress. With were made with the Hall Mines tramits conclusion the sinking of the shaft way, and latterly the property has been will be resumed and headings started self-supporting and will be a dividend from the station at this level from the payer when a little more development ting of the old stope is in progress. ore could not be prontably marketed, east and also westward on the first suspend operations for a while. It is expected, however, that the mine will exists, owing to the slope of the property west of the big shaft. A raise is ments now heine effected

ments now being effected. also in progress between the third and Yet another promising Morning moun-Columbia-Kootenay. — The vertical tain is the Birdseye group belonging to shaft is being sunk through the station the Nelson Copperfields Company, Limited, who took up their bond on the prois also a free milling proposition despite the name of the company that owns it. The ore in this mine is of good grade, and very handsome specimens have been brought to town. A considerable amount of work has been done on this group, and the local management says, it will not be long now before a mill will be erected and the Birdseye enter the list of Nelson's producing mines.

The Juno group on Morning mountain has been bonded by a Montreal syndicate represented here by Charles Par-ker. A considerable amount of work pecting work is going on with excel-lent results in No. 5 tunnel, and the breast of the tunnel there shows up a selves. On the sixth level the north

being similarly extended to the west. On no doubt whatever that this is the Ath- level the work on the big stope is nearly the fifth level the north vein is being abasca ledge, which is thue proven to completed and the timbering is almost opened up to the west. The raise be- run through the Juno group, though it finished. The main drift west is being tween the fourth and fifth levels was does not outcrop on that property, the enlarged to a double track capacity in orcompleted last week. The machinery on work already done having been perform- der to afford greater facility for the the steam hoist is in fine working or- ed on a different vein. This ore body handling of the ore at the station. At der and is giving no trouble whatsoever. can be easily reached on the Juno either the east end of this level the raise is bethe season.

little is heard in Nelson of this property, old hoist to the new. as the office of the company, for some Nickel Plate-A crosscut is proceeding here is very hard, and is heavily min- be, there is no doubt but that it pos- to the surface. sesses a strong ledge of free milling pects of the Big Four never looked bet- quartz, which, as is invariably the case future be recorded the work upon the on Morning mountain, carries high val- Josie, Annie, Annie Fraction, Rockingues in gold.

There are numerous other properties on Morning mountain with good surface No. 1, Annie and Poorman, which last showings, but they are still in the initial stages of development. Enough has usual development is going on in all been said, however, to show the richness of Morning mountain, which, if situated anywhere else than near Nelson, would long ago have attained fame in the mining world.

which it is unnecessary to go into here, Hall Mines has been temporarily closed is being sunk upon the 300 foot level. down. That mine, however, has shipped many thousands of tons of silver-couper ore to its smelter by the lake and large reserves of ore are known to exist in the mine. The mine management was handicapped in the past by the nesumed work on the Leiter during the cessity of immense daily shipments to and will be in continuation of the raises week. The company is negotiating for keep the big copper blast furnace at the the purchase of a couple of properties smelter going, and for a long time 200 which adjoin the Leiter, and intends to tons of ore was sent down daily. The result was that the development work inevitably fell behind. The company was cently, and private advices indicate that The latter level is being extended both Nelson's biggest single industry will soon started with the intention of following be in full swing once more. As showing the ore body which is of very good grade extension the seam ran into last week the value of the property it is interesting down. which gave an assay of eight ounces in to note that the company recently received a very flattering offer for the mine from Canadian capitalists, under stood to be Gooderham and Blackstock. The directors refused it, however, preferring to keep a good thing to them-

selves The Dandy group, an extension of the Silver King group, was extensively worked last fall by an English syndicate which included several Athabasca shareholders. There is a large body of silvercopper ore on the Dandy, similar to the Silver King ore. The property is not being worked just now, however, and it is understood that the deal is hanging ed cn. The intention is soon to resume fire on account of the stringent condition of the London money market. Those who know the property best assert that if intelligently worked on a large scale there is big money in the Dandy.-Nelson Tribune

Rossland Camp.

The Rossland Miner in its weekly min-

It is encouraging, looking back upon mountain is destined to become famous the record of the shipments for the past that it is only comparatively recently continuance of shipping during several onths the total for the first half The star mine of Morning mountain of 1900 tops the total for the correswhose ten stamps have been crushing and beats the record of 1898 by 33,000 ore regularly for nearly two years. The tons. The War Eagle and Centre Star character of the ore is such that the have broken out and partly raised about

values must be added the tailings which Iron Mask, all of which should, before be erected for their treatment. At a seeing that the value of the Le Roi ore month a reorganization of the company than \$12 to \$13 per ton, although it is standard love-stories, and tabulated the was decided upon in order to raise funds known that \$8 and perhaps even \$7 ore various ways in which lovers behave in clean-ups continue on last month's basis. vative estimate, \$7,000,000 per annum.

Tons. 4,165

Le Roi
War Eagle
Centre Star
Iron Mask
I X L
Evening Star Colt Glant Total 4,165 72,080

War Eagle-The shaft on the War Eagle is now 65 feet below the seventh level, which is 875 feet below the collar of the shaft. The intention is to sink shaft itself, which follows down the has been done. The vein averages about to the 1,000 foot mark when the eighth join our corps. Railhead, the terminus of ledge. The raise on the side line near four feet of ore of good grade. There is level will be established. Thus there the Iron Mask is still in hand and ore 10 wagon road to the mine, so, when remains some 60 feet to do, and this being stoped out, while the square set- the Hall Mines smelter closed down the will be accomplished, it is thought, by the second week in August. On the Drifting is going on in the third level and the management wisely decided to seventh level the lateral drive has run east 60 feet, and a crosscut has been started north from this point to hit the north vein. The crosscut to the south vein from this point will be begun directly after the holidays, On the sixth level the drift is still proceeding west on the south vein and a drift east on the north vein. A stope above this level is being broken down and the ore stored in place. A more powerful engine has been installed on this level for sinking and it is expected it will do serviceable work from this point downwards for 400 to 500 feet. On the fifth level the drift has been discontinued but the slope is being broken down. This practically means that development work will in future be confined to the sixth and seventh levels

Centre Star-Sinking is expected to be resumed in the shaft directly after the holidays, when the change will be made in the hoist, and the new two-ton skips has been done on this property, which brought into operation. With this boasts a strong ledge of free milling change development will be started on change development will be started on quartz. The owners of the Juno, by the the fourth level directly east and west way, have had the singular good fortune from the station on the fourth level, the of having the value of their property shaft being sunk upon the ledge. On proved for them, and at no expense to the third level drifting is continuing to themselves. Tunnel No. 2 of the Venus, the east. To the west a raise is being mine adjoining reached the Juno ground made to the second level beyond the after running about 600 feet. In the raise which was completed a few weeks since. In this latter an intermediate strong ledge, between well defined walls, level has been started at a point 70 feet, over the appointment of Joly de Lotbin of at least two feet of \$40 ore. There is below the second level. On the main as Lieut.-Governor.

by shaft or tunnel. Work on this pro- ing continued to the surface near the perty is to be vigorously prosecuted all Iron Mask side line. On the first level the drift west has run into a fine body The list of good properties on Morn- of ore of good grade. The mine will ing mountain is not yet exhausted, for close down for the next three days to there remains the Bornite Bank. But permit the change being made from the

occult reason, is located in Rossland. north and south of the 600-foot level on Mining men who have seen it, however, the Nickel Plate, to locate the Ore-orthat stoping will be commenced. No. 1 are loud in its praises, some going so No-Go vein to the north, and the southtunnel is now in 85 feet. Crosscutting far as to say that it is the best pro- ern zone of ore which is known to exist. perty on the hill. However this may having been located in the levels closer

Le Roi No. 2-Under this head will in ham, Thelela, Poorman and No. 1. The work at present is confined to the Josie. is being worked from the Josie The over the mine. The winze on the Josie between the 300 and 500 levels is making good progress under the contractors in whose hands the sinking has been placed. In the 500 foot level the seam Toad mountain, only separated from of good ore ran into is still looking well, Morning mountain by a gulch, seems and high assays are being obtained from temporarily under a cloud. For reasons it. On the No. 1 the assembly of the hoist engine and the erection of the galthat group of properties known as the lows frame is still in progress. A winze

Columbia-Kootenay - The vertical shaft has reached the station on the 40 level and it is now being cut out. The ore exposed at this point is still looking well. A winze is being sunk in No. 5 tunnel, which is to connect with No. 1 which extend upwards from No. 5 to Nos. 4 and 3. The winze on No. 5 is started at a point a little west of the first raise so as to avoid a dyke. The ore body has been located on the tunnel successfully reorganized in London re- by means of a short crosscut and it is

Le Roi-Timbering in the main shaft of the Le Roi is now very nearly completed. The sinking of the shaft to the 900 level will be started soon after the holidays. Development is proceeding as usual on the 30 foot, 500 foot and 700 foot levels, and the stopes are being worked on the old lines, an output of 4.000 tons per week is now about the average of the mine. In addition to the reserves in the stopes it has been discovered that the old stopes on the upper levels have not been completely blocked out and the miners are now at work upon these in addition to the ore bodies be low. On the Black Bear the preparations for the change of location of the boilers is in progress but the fires will not be drawn in the old boiler house for some days vet.

American Corporation-The American Corporation, Limited, is operating the Leiter, on Sophie mountain, and on Tuesday last broke into the vein. An ore shoot three feet in width was enountered in the lead which carries pyrrhotite and pyrites of iron. The intention is to drift along the vein.

Evening Star-Work on the winze con-Dr. Russell, of Spokane, leading stockholders, visited the workings of the Evening Star during the week and expressed themselves as well pleased with the development of the property.

Big Four-Work is going on in both tunnels as usual. No. 2 tunnel is now all in ore, and its character is improving with each foot of advance made California-The shaft has reached a depth of 195 feet and the tunnel which is

being driven to tap the ledge is in for a distance of 580 feet.

AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?

A Cambridge don, who should have known better, has waded through 100 popping the question. In 100 cases where the proposal was accepted, no less Appended is a statement of the ship- than sixty-seven gentlemen kissed the ments for the past week and year to lady and began "all of a sudden." Eightyone declared they could not live without her, while seventy-two held the girl's hand, and thirty-six took her in their

arms Twenty-six lovers sat down to put the question, four fidgeted about with their handkerchiefs-which three afterwards required to wipe away the tears of joy; three stood on one foot, and the same number "reclined on the grass." Only four thought it necessary to go down on both knees, but twice as many knelt on one. In thirty-two cases kissing took place. Only four kissed the girl on the cheek, but ten saluted the fair one's curls! Three kissed her eyes, two her hands, one the top of her head, one her nose (by mistake) and one her shawl Acceptance of the proposal caused a. lump in the throat of fourteen lovers; the same number had qualms of conscience, while five had eyes "calm and clear." Nine declared themselves "the happiest men alive"; seven were deliri-

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ously happy, but five were too full for

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools had their annual picule at Union Bay on the First.

The closing examinations at the public school were held on Thursday afternoon. The rooms were decked with beautiful flowers and ferns, and a large number of visitors were present. At the school meeting on Saturday Trustee Abrams was re-elected, and Ald. W-

Willard was elected in place of Mr. Walk-The Methodist League gave one of their pleasant entertainments on Tuesday even ing. Gideon Bicks, of Victoria, gave some selections with the pianola and also some

ocal help. Sons have arrived at the homes of Messrs. Horn, Pullen and Waive, and a little girl has come to Mr. Stanley Riggs's A Chinaman died at the hospital on Sunday from the effect of burns received in No. 6 shaft.

Principal Bennett and family will spend their holidays on Hornby Island. Great satisfaction is felt in this district