

LET 'EM ALL COME

Bookwalter's Interview Torn to Pieces by One Who Knows.

ALFRED W. DYER TALKS

His Experience Not One of Three Months, but of Many Years of Actual Independent Travel Over All Parts of Asia.

The Associated Press dispatch, which appeared in THE MINER Friday morning under the head of "The Future of Asia," excited a great deal of comment in Rossland, and most of it was decidedly unfavorable to the views of Mr. Bookwalter, and this was more especially the case with those who had any knowledge of the situation in Central Asia.

Among those who spoke from absolute personal knowledge of the situation, and were, therefore, indignant at the statements of Mr. Bookwalter, was Alfred W. Dyer, who has spent a large part of his life in Afghanistan, India, China and Burmah. He was the first white man in Upper Burmah, and did not travel in palace cars at the expense of the Russian government, staying only where he was told to and listening only to the tales of government officials during a brief visit of three months, but examined everything himself, making it a life task to be thoroughly familiar with every phase of the Eastern situation.

Mr. Dyer Expresses His Views. Yesterday at the request of THE MINER he said:

"Some years ago, while in the far east, I was approached by one of the best people on earth (not an Elk but a Missourian) with a copy of the ancient Alta Californian in his hand. He proceeded to inform me that 'Senator Thoroughgood' had said that 'Canada must be annexed.' I read yesterday morning, through the medium of the Associated Press, that the London agent had been informed by a Mr. Bookwalter of Ohio that India is to be captured by a horde of Russian soldiers pouring through the gate that Alexander, Tamerlane and Kublai Khan left open! The stories are of about equal merit.

The Gate of India Closed. "The gate of India, since the days of the Earl of Beaconsfield, has been well secured by the 'scientific frontier.' That frontier simply means keeping the peace in our possession instead of leaving them in the hands of the Afghan. There are, moreover, 60,000 white troops who are of presumably the same blood as Mr. Bookwalter on that north-west frontier. Behind them there are counting in the contingents of the native states, half a million native troops. These may not be of much value in the eyes of a Russophile, but they were enough when a few were dispersed at Malva to hurry the conclusion of the peace of Berlin. The invader of a country which is defended by the Anglo-Saxon stock would, unless all history doth lie, seek defeat. In the same breath the public are informed that Russia and Great Britain are about to ally. Then when is the successor of the Macedonian to appear at the Khyber pass?

Railway Far From Complete. "Mr. Bookwalter also is made to say that the Trans-Siberian railway is practically complete. It is a question whether it will be finished inside the next ten years. The Cassini convention was only signed at Peking last year. Yet the Manchurian railway, which got its charter from that secret pact and which is many hundreds of miles in extent and crosses a desert, is stated to be practically finished. The bridges over the Yenesei and Obi, the largest rivers of Asia, are hardly begun. The bridge over the shifting bed of the Amudaria, near the sea of Aral, is possibly three miles long and may have cost fifteen million dollars, but it is not as long as one of the bridges over the Sutlej in the Punjab.

The Ohio Man Needs Enlightenment. "Had the man from the Buckeye state extended his three months' trip and, visiting Hindustan seen what his kith and kin are doing there; had he perused the railway statistics of that empire; had he pertained that the ancient caravan route into Southwestern China through Bhamo was now traversible by rail, and that Greater Britain could place an enormous army in China inside of a couple of weeks and find the invader's province inhabited by friendly Mohammedan Chinese; the statement that Russia had done more to open Chinese in the last three years than all the rest of the world has done in 50, would not have been made. Not only has the record of England been neglected, but the efforts of his own countrymen contemptuously ignored.

"Many writers think that England should seek an alliance with the Russian. Most of her wisest statesmen think that the right course is to seek alliances only with her own kin. If this is not to be, and Mr. Bookwalter's vaticinations tend not in that welcome direction, the sentiment of the people is in the month of the very street arab, 'Let 'em all come.'"

THE NAUGHTY BOY GAMBLER.

So His Celestial Father Decided He Had to Be Well Punished. Friday afternoon, a young Chinaman, about 19 years of age, with his face covered with blood, and evidently the victim of a severe thrashing, as well as cutting, hunted along Columbia avenue for a policeman, but passed the city hall without favoring it with a call. A little further on he met Officer McPhee and said he wanted his father arrested for assault and battery.

The officer accompanied the youth to the back farm of Lee Sam, near the slaughter house, and arrested the proprietor. Then came the story. Young Lee was expected to assist on the farm and his father expected him to do so and wanted him badly yesterday. But the boy had other ideas and enjoyed the fascinating games of fan-tan, black jack, faro, Chinese dominoes and the many other sports that the celestial loses his

money on, and declined to assist his poor old parent in the care of the farm. Hence his father whipped him.

Officer McPhee arrested the old man and took him to the city jail and then threw the boy into the same place, so that he would be ready to appear Saturday in the court without having to be sent for.

AMERICAN ADVANCE

London Astonished at New York's Lead in Finance.

HER BANKERS ARE AHEAD

England Is Now Alarmed at the Tremendous Strides that the United States Is Making in Every Direction.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is no exaggeration to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe in general and Great Britain in particular, overshadowing the dreary broils of domestic politics is the remarkable and aggressive commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper, review or a public speaker during the past month has failed to notice with what great strides America is coming into first place in the alignment of the powers.

Even Lombard Street Astonished. It is certainly the chief subject of conversation on Lombard street and on the continental Bourse. The manager of one of the London banks recently said in awe-struck tones: "This is the first time in the history of finance that New York has been in a position to dictate money rates to London, Berlin and Paris." The bank manager added that London's purchases of American securities were a featherweight compared with the balance of trade in New York's favor.

Warning To Manufacturers. James Bryce in a speech before the Leicester chamber of commerce sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He pointed out that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines which Great Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors.

An Improbable Statement. The English habit of entirely dropping serious affairs at the holiday season has respited the squabbles about the liberal leadership. But Sir Edward Russell, who is writing his reminiscences, furnished material for a new controversy. He writes that when Lord Rosebery was resigning the premiership the queen earnestly, almost affectionately, begged him not to turn conservative. He explains that Her Majesty dreads the alignment of all the aristocracy on the Tory side, against all the commonality on the liberal side. Lord Rosebery has promptly requested the papers to deny statement, and Sir Edward Russell says: "I have good reason to believe it is true, though nobody shall drag from me my authority."

Warnings of New York Russian Loan. The reports of the attempts to float a Russian loan in New York have been received skeptically here, but it is admitted that it will be but a short time when capitalists will have to reckon with New York as a competitor in high finance. The Daily Chronicle comments upon the fact that American capitalists have the courage of their financial opinions if they think they know the European situation better than the capitalists of the old world.

MULOCK LAUDED IN ENGLAND.

He Finds Friends of His Penny Postage in Great Britain's Press. TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—A special cable to the Evening Telegram dated London, Dec. 24, says: Among the many congratulations and laudatory articles in the leading London newspapers on the inauguration on Christmas day of the Imperial penny postage that of the Daily News of today is emphatic in its praise to Canada's postmaster general. Among other things it says: "Mr. Mulock is due the real honors of the project and on Christmas day the name of Mulock should prove an excuse for the glass."

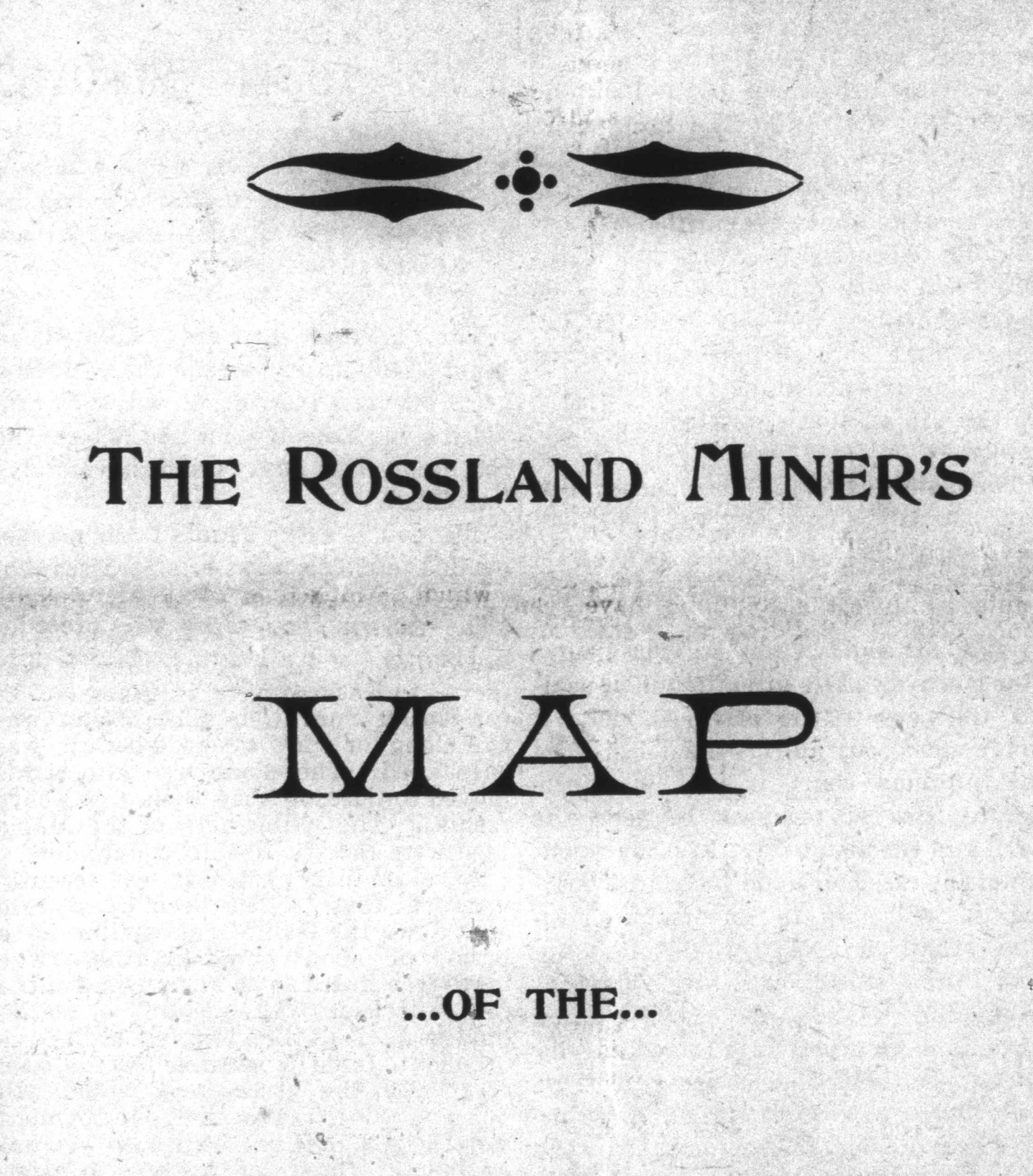
Another Soldier for the Czar. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the czar, has given birth to a son. The Grand Xenia, eldest sister of Emperor Nicholas, was born in 1875, and is the wife of Grand Duke Alexander, a son of Grand Duke Michael, who is grand uncle of the czar.

NEARER A FAIR SHOW. The Secret Dossier to Be Shown Madam Dreyfus as well as the Court. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The government has decided to hand the Dreyfus secret dossier to the court of cassation. It will be communicated to Madam Dreyfus.

International Music Hall. The International music hall has a strong show booked for the holidays, by far one of the best novelty entertainments that has ever appeared in the city of Rossland. The first on the list is the return of those great favorites, White and Harris, two artists who stand high in the line of novelty entertainers. In addition to the above will also appear the contortionist, Theo. Largess, surnamed the human snake. Armand and Carmen will produce this week their great electric opera with beautiful electrical effect. During this act Harry Lagrenia will introduce for the first time his illustrated songs with beautiful colored pictures. Miss Claire Stanley in her vocal novelty, "The Miner's Dream," with picturesque effects. Miss Olie Sinclair in the famous living pictures, as performed by her at Sam Jack's theatre, Chicago. J. H. Fiddling will appear for the first time in the west in "The Shadow Pantomime, or a Trip to the Moon." This is the greatest lot of novelty acts ever seen at any theatre in the northwest.

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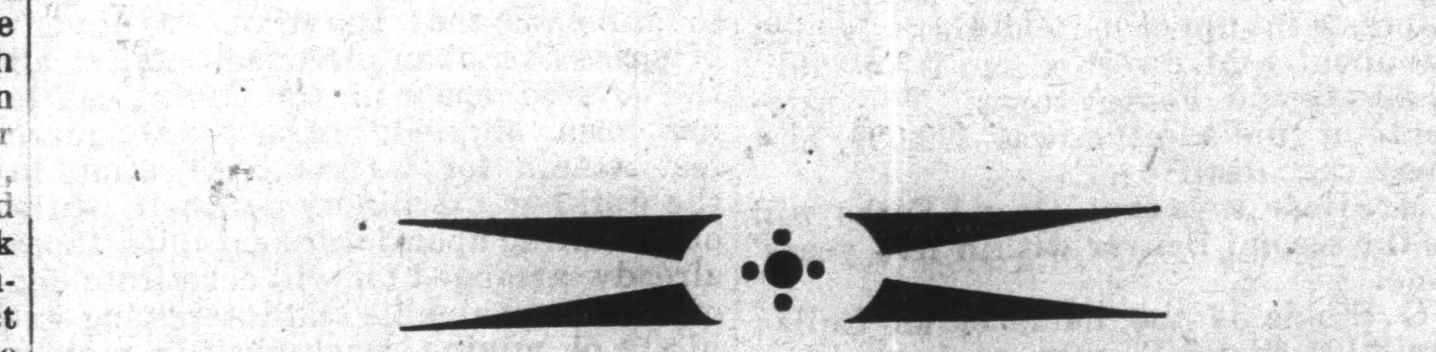
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Invited to the Presidency. New York, Dec. 22.—It is announced that George L. Bradbury, the present vice-president and general manager of the Lake Erie & Western railway, will succeed to the presidency of that road made vacant by the recent death of Calvin S. Brice.

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