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## THE WEEK'S MINE NEWS

### A Quiet week of Steady Progress at All Properties.

### Tonnage Now Past the 200,000 Mark—Among the Mines.

(From Sunday's Daily.)  
The past week was in a sense uneventful in the Rossland camp. All the working mines were operated continuously, and while it was a fact that the Le Roi's production was below normal this was due to the failure to return empties from the smelter promptly, and next week will see the average restored. At the big mines the usual program was adhered to, and in the smaller properties the week was one of steady progress and advancement.

The outlook for ensuing weeks of the present summer and fall is exceedingly bright. The revival in the lead mining districts is expected to assist Rossland materially in the direction of stimulating the shipment of iron ore to be utilized in the lead stacks as a flux, while enhanced coke supplies will have the effect of increasing profits and thereby promoting production.

### THE OUTPUT.

Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending July 18th and for the year to date are as follows:	Year
Le Roi.....	2214
Centre Star.....	1590
War Eagle.....	1020
Kootenay.....	275
Le Roi No. 2.....	780
Velvet.....	125
Giant.....	40
Jumbo.....	125
X. L.....	297
W. B.....	25
O. K.....	25
Homestake.....	90
Totals.....	7165

### AMONG THE MINES.

**LE ROI.**—The report from the mine for the week is that nothing of special interest has transpired in connection with the operation of the big mine. During the week the old ore bins were raised, and the timbers utilized for regular mine purposes. A considerable quantity of ore was broken in excess of the tonnage shipped. Cars were not forthcoming as rapidly as desired, with the result that bins and pockets are full to overflowing. Next week's shipments will probably be high. General Manager Parrish is expected home during the present week, and some developments in connection with the mine may be forthcoming.

**LE ROI TWO.**—The usual stoping, development and exploration work has been carried ahead steadily at the Josie and No. 1 mines with excellent results. It will be noted that the shipments are somewhat higher than usual, the idea being to bring the month's output up to standard. Work progressing rapidly at the concentrator works, and the buildings are now commencing to take the shape the mill will present on completion.

**WAR EAGLE-CENTRE STAR.**—The management states that nothing of importance has occurred during the week in connection with the mines. The crew now numbers 250, and it will be noted that the normal tonnage is being maintained regularly.

**ROSSLAND-KOOTENAY.**—Shipments from the Kootenay mine are kept at the usual figure, and this is to be maintained indefinitely. In the workings the crew has been somewhat increased to carry ahead the preliminary work incidental to reopening the levels below the 400, which have not been touched of late.

**JUMBO.**—The Jumbo continues to load ore from the upper level for shipment to Northport, and it is not improbable that the output may be quite substantially increased at an early date. Only one team is employed at the present time, and the tonnage handled on this basis is quite large. The mine is employing sixteen men, all underground. Ore is being broken and development carried ahead on the first level, while exploration is under way on the second level.

**GIANT.**—The Giant's output was somewhat light last week, but the present week will probably see an increase in this direction. An upraise is about to be made from the No. 2 tunnel, where promising indications of ore exist. The upraise will extend to the surface nearly 100 feet and will promote the economical handling of ore. The ore shipped carries good values.

**SPITZEE.**—Work is progressing steadily at the mine. Within the next few days the main shaft will be at a sufficient depth below the 100 foot level to permit of bulkheading, and then the horizontal workings on the 100 are to be continued. The conditions existing at the mine will permit of the commencement of shipments of pay ore, in small quantities at least, almost immediately, with the probability of steadily increased output from month to month as the workings on the vein are extended.

**GOLD HILL.**—The work at the Gold

Hill property is proceeding quietly. In the next few weeks, however, results are expected in the concrete form of a trial shipment of ore.

**WEST END.**—At the I. X. L. and O. K. mines work is being continued. It is expected that the I. X. L. will ship another consignment of ore at an early date.

**VELVET.**—The report from the mine is that work is being continued with good results. No definite information as to the nature of the present underground operations is to hand.

**NICKEL PLATE.**—The unwatering operations are rapidly nearing completion, and within the next few days the underground work contemplated will be commenced. The question as to the exact nature of this work has not been solved by any announcement from the management.

**WHITE BEAR.**—The work at the mine is proceeding quietly, and good progress is being made. Underground work is continued as usual, while on the surface work is confined largely to the new compressor building which is now partially completed.

**THE EUREKA.**—A small force of men are employed on this property cleaning out the open drifts and stripping the vein at intervals. The Eureka, while practically undeveloped, is generally considered as one of the most valuable properties in the camp. The vein is about 75 feet wide. The ore, which makes a magnificent showing in the open cuts, averages from \$15 to \$30 per ton.

**BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.**  
Last week the Granby smelter treated 8343 tons, making a total of 168,405 tons for the year.

Granby	Week	Total
Mother Lode.....	7,344	178,476
Snowshoe.....	3,331	55,930
B. C.....	1,950	29,442
Emma.....	810	17,897
Sunset.....	240	10,015
Providence.....	1,150	6,315
Athelstan.....	175	375
Oro Denoro.....	270	320
Elkhorn.....	129	129
Totals.....	15,270	301,822

### PHOENIX ORE TRAFFIC.

Track Improvements Needed and in Prospect.

**PHOENIX, B. C., July 17.**—Yesterday D. W. Ross, superintendent of the C. P. R. line via Kootenay and Boundary, made a visit to this camp, accompanied by Mrs. Ross and family. H. L. Johnson, the roadmaster, also came in with Mr. Ross, and with William Yolen Williams a number of improvements were looked over and decided on. The Old Ironsides ore bins will have another sidetrack, and the timber spur will be lengthened. Mr. Ross also went over the Brooklyn and Stenwinder spurs, where it is proposed to finish laying the steel a distance of over 4000 feet, it being the intention to ship the ore from the dumps of those mines—something like 8000 tons.

Mr. Ross stated that the company was now in better condition than for some time to handle the increasing ore traffic on the Boundary branch, both of the powerful Shay locomotives now being on the Phoenix ore run, and a third, still more powerful, being due some time in September. Two sidetracks have recently been put in at the Oro Denoro, and in a short time the loop at Hartford Junction, graded over a year ago, will be placed in use, to do away with the switchback at that point.

Six mines are now shipping regularly over the Phoenix branch, namely, the P. C. mine, Emma, Oro Denoro, Athelstan, Snowshoe and Granby, the aggregate of these mines alone being something like 11,000 or 12,000 tons weekly.

### COMMITTED SUICIDE.

**SPOKANE, July 21.**—Oscar Sontag, formerly superintendent of the Le Roi smelter at Northport, committed suicide today.

## TO ROSSLAND LIBERALS

The Miner always tries to be fair to its readers and to the general public. It does not intend to overlook the fact that it is a newspaper in the truest and best sense. More than anything else, it desires to promote the cause of good government, and believes that that cause can be served greatly by the freest discussion of all public issues.

This journal is devoted to the Conservative party, because its honest convictions are that more good principles and higher ideals are born of that party than any other source.

Rossland Liberals, however, have neither a provincial leader nor a platform, and they have no journalistic mouthpiece with which to air their ideas and views in regard to local issues. The Miner therefore is willing to print communications during the present campaign from any of their number, so long as they are decently expressed, of public importance, and not of sufficient length to interfere with the ordinary functions of this journal as a general newspaper.

## General News Of the Kootenay

### THE BOUNDARY.

The third furnace for the Sunset smelter was shipped from Spokane last week, and will be put in place as soon as possible. Last week the Oro Denoro joined the shipping list, the ore going to the Sunset smelter. A side track has been put in at the mine.

Work is progressing on the Morning Glory. The 300 foot level will probably be reached by July 20th. During the week three cars of ore were shipped. Recent information from Fairview is to the effect that the New Fairview Corporation continues to employ about 70 men. Operations in that company's Stenwinder mine, stamp mill and cyanide works are being steadily maintained. The mill runs with 35 stamps dropping as the ore output requires and the cyanide plant's capacity determines.

Work has been started on the Trilby in Skylark camp. This property was recently bonded by Gaunce & Wiekvire of Greenwood, McDonnell brothers, of Anaconda, and A. J. Cousins of Seattle. It is now confidently anticipated that there will be at least 650 names on the voters list for the Greenwood electoral district.

The work of extending the North Fork wagon road to Franklin camp is being rushed. During the past week over four thousand feet of road along the rocky bluffs beyond Lynch creek was graded. E. Spraggett is in charge and is directing a force of about twenty men, Engineer Steves and Capt. Desbrowe are still in the field surveying the route. The Phoenix Electric Light company has let a contract to W. C. Tisley for putting in about 850 feet of water main, to connect the new supply well with the main leading to the 100,000 gallon tank.

Robert Kerr, who resides on his ranch three miles up Boundary creek, reports that sulphurous fumes from the Boundary Falls smelter are greatly damaging his crops.

It is given out that the prospects of the promoters of Midway and Vernon railway soon receiving substantial aid towards construction from the Dominion government are very favorable. Eight furnaces in blast in the three Boundary smelters mean that about 2000 tons of coal more or less must be moved daily, and the C. P. R., through its operating department, must do the moving in order to gather in upwards of a thousand dollars per day, directly and indirectly, from the ore freight. All of which supplies the grease to make the wheels go around.

In the Queen of Sheba claim in Doe's camp, George Andrews is taking out some fine looking ore. He is now down to a depth of twenty-five feet in an incline shaft. The ore lies between two well defined walls of lime and porphyry and gives every indication of permanence. L. A. Smith, of Anaconda, and George Andrews own the property.

About ten cars of ore have been shipped from the dump of the Morrison mine, Deadwood camp, to the Mother Lode smelter. It is expected that about 1000 tons will be shipped altogether.

### EAST KOOTENAY.

The work of removing the East Kootenay Lumber company's mill at Jaffray to its new location has been completed and this week the mill resumes regular work.

Inquiry by the Cranbrook Herald has developed the fact that the freight business shows an increase of 110 per cent over June of last year, the rate being 74 per cent and the ticket business 94 per cent. This makes a most excellent showing and is one that every resident of Cranbrook may rejoice over.

The Crow's Nest Coal company has decided to build its new office building on block 15, in Fernie, formerly used as the recreation ground. The whole block will be utilized, the building being placed in the centre. The remainder of the block will be beautifully laid out in drives, walks, fountains, grass and flower pots, etc. Several plans have been submitted to the head office, but the choice has not yet been made. The size will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 80x120. The work will be commenced this summer and rushed to completion before winter sets in.

On the last pay day at the Crow's Nest mines, the grand total of \$130,021.05 was paid out at the three camps. This is an increase of \$14,817.25 over any previous monthly pay. The figures of each camp are as follows: Coal Creek, \$49,330.40; Michel, \$48,371.50; Morrissey, \$31,810.15; total, \$130,021.05. Coal Creek's pay is larger than Michel's in proportion to the output on account of considerable construction work at the former place.

A large gang is working on No. 1 tipple and the tramway from mines 4, 5 and 6, where development work is being rapidly pushed. A 60 foot picking band is being put in this tipple. Nearly a dozen of the new coke ovens are now ready for use at Morrissey, and it is expected that they will be burning coke inside of a couple of weeks.

The Fernie Manufacturing company has received the contract for the erection of the slack storage bins at Morrissey Mines and work will be commenced next week. The work will be under the immediate supervision of Norman Broley.

### THE LARDEAU.

The Eva stampmill is being pushed

steadily forward. The roof has been sheathed and shingling started. The battery blocks will be put in position this week and it is the intention, as soon as the roof is finished, to start the work of installing the machinery. The towers of the tram line are being erected.

The richness of the Stockholm is now assured beyond doubt. The free gold vein which was recently encountered on this property has been traced for over 1000 feet, nearly the whole length of the claim. Gold is plainly visible all along, and horning gives phenomenal results. The Stockholm lead is a true fissure and is without a doubt a continuation of the rich Eva fissure lead.

The Canada, across Fish river from the Stockholm, is turning out a valuable property. A small nugget of gold was taken out of a piece of quartz from the claim last week, and gold is plainly discernible by the horning process. T. Downing and A. D. McKay are working on the Jim Hill group up Lexington creek. This is a galena vein carrying 90 ounces in silver. Crosscuts show the vein to vary in width from six to ten feet; the contact is slate and lime.

J. Ernest and associates are doing their annual assessment work on the Ajax on Camp creek. They report having run into some fine ore which assays very well for surface rock. If the values hold out with depth on the Ajax the owners will do considerable development this summer.

### THE SLOCAN.

All the mines in the Slocan and Ainsworth districts are either starting work or increasing their forces. This is due to the lead bonus.

William Hunter is working the Comstock with a force of ten men. Ten inches of ore has been exposed on the surface between No. 4 and No. 5 tunnels. A concentrator at the Wakefield is being remodelled and when completed will have a capacity of from 100 to 150 tons per day. Sufficient ore is already blocked out to keep the mill running the entire season.

A strike is reported on the Black Hawk, one of the Mansfield properties at the head of the South Fork, while doing assessment work. The new vein is six feet wide, carrying a 10 to 14 inch paystreak, heavily impregnated with ruby silver.

The first shipment of three cars of zinc ore, taken out of the Lucky Jim, under the management of Mr. Jones, has been made. Thus commences another era in the history of one of the earliest discovered Slocan properties.

The iron deposits at the head of Crawford creek owned by Bruce White and J. Devlin were examined last week by a party consisting of the owners and W. G. McGill and C. Robinson. It is understood that the bonus granted on iron and steel by the Dominion government, together with \$3 per ton given by the British Columbia government, will enable them to work at a profit. Iron ore is the highest grade specular iron.

### THE STOCK MARKET

The stock market has had quite a dull week, both in regard to volume of business and to the range of prices. Silver lead stocks got pretty well over their little boom, though there has been no very pronounced reaction. The public is simply not in a buying humor. Rambler-Cariboo has been perhaps the strongest stock, reaching 44 in one sale, and going back to 43 yesterday. Payne has sold at 16 1-2 through the week. American Boy has been steady at 4 1-2. Sullivan and North Star have appeared once or twice in the sales list. In local stocks there has been practically nothing doing. Cariboo McKinney sold at 11 1-2 and 11 3-4.

Asked	Bid
American Boy.....	4 1/2
Ben Hur.....	5 1/2
Black Tail.....	4 1/2
Canadian G. F.....	5
Cariboo McK (ex-div.)	12
Centre Star.....	27
Fairview.....	5
Fisher Maiden.....	3
Giant.....	3 1/2
Granby Consolidated.....	\$5.00
Lone Pine.....	1 1/2
Morning Glory.....	3 1/4
Mountain Lion.....	25
North Star (E. Koot'y)	13 1/2
Payne.....	17
Quilp.....	32
Rambler-Cariboo.....	45
Republic.....	5
San Pol.....	5
Sullivan.....	5 1/2
Tom Thumb.....	5
War Eagle Con.....	12
Waterloo (Ass. paid).....	7
White Bear.....	4 1/2

### SALES.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000 at 11 1-2; North Star, 500 at 13; Payne, 1000 at 16 1-2; Rambler-Cariboo, 1500 at 43 1-2; American Boy, 500 at 4 1-2; American Boy, 5000, 44c; Payne, 2,000, 18 1/2; Morrison, 3,000, 2 1/2; American Boy, 1000 at 4 1-2, 6000 at 4 1-2; Centre Star, 500 at 26 1-2; Payne, 1000 at 16 1-2; Rambler-Cariboo, 500 at 43 1-2; Sullivan, 2000, 5 1-2; Centre Star, 1000, 26 1-2; Fisher Maiden, 2000, 23 1-2; Moun-

tain Lion, 500, 22 1-2; Rambler, 500, 43 1-2; American Boy, 1000, 3000, 4 1-2; Centre Star, 500, 26; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 44. Total, 5500.

Cariboo McKinney, 1000 at 11 1-2; Cariboo McKinney, 500 at 11 3-4; American Boy, 3000 at 4 1-2; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 43. Total, 5,500.

## 23 MILL TAX LEVY

### CITY COUNCIL PLACES TAXATION FOR YEAR AT THAT FIGURE.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WRITES ABOUT POLICE INVESTIGATION.

Twenty-three mills on the dollar for all purposes is the amount agreed upon by the city council as the rate of the tax levy for the current year. The heaviest item of outlay to be met from taxation is for interest and sinking fund, which requires an assessment of 14.3 mills net on all ratable property. For general purposes the rate is 5.3 mills, with three mills for school and health. The latter levy is gross, being subject to an abatement of one-sixth if paid on or before a stipulated date. Last year's rate was 23 mills, so that no increase is contemplated this year.

The bylaw for the levying of taxes for the current year was taken up in committee of the whole last night at the regular session of the council, and the blanks filled in with the figures aforesaid.

The only other matter of more than routine nature was a communication from the Attorney-General referring to the previous correspondence and the proposed investigation into Rossland's police administration. It will be remembered that the Rossland Ratepayers' Protective Association sent a petition to council asking for a police investigation many weeks ago. The council decided the game was not worth the probable expense, after which the association sent another communication, and on receipt of this the council sent the petition to the attorney-general, on the ground that as the police commissioners were provincial appointments any police investigation should be conducted by the Attorney-General. The minister replies that if the council advises him that the petition emanates from bona fide ratepayers, and such an investigation is really desired by the ratepayers as a whole, he will proceed to investigate under the statute made and provided therein. The Attorney-General seems to think that the lack of interest by council in the matter indicates that the aldermen do not consider the subject of any importance, and the inference from his letter is that the matter will be dropped unless council urges action.

R. C. Morgan, superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern, wrote that he would look into the matter of drainage in the Fourth avenue swamp at the earliest possible date.

### FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Scouts and Constabulary Defeat Albay Rebels.

**MANILA, July 21.**—The Philippine scouts and rural constabulary defeated 250 rebels in the streets of Albay, the capital of the island of Albay, Thursday, killing fifteen and wounding fifteen. The combatants entered the town from opposite sides, and street fighting continued for three hours. Four non-combatants were killed. The rebels were led by Simon Ola, chief of the Albay rebels, and they had fifty rifles. Col. H. H. Bandholtz, who was in command of the scouts and constabulary, has been campaigning actively in Albay, but this was his first decisive engagement.

### IMPERIAL POLITICS.

Dissolution of Parliament Expected Early Next Year.

**LONDON, July 21.**—The Times announces that it is anticipated in official circles that parliament will be dissolved early in the next session and that a general election will occur in March. In connection with this announcement rumors were current yesterday that Premier Balfour intended in October to make a strong speech in support of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's fiscal program, and that thereupon Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie and the other free trade ministers would resign, which, of course, would virtually compel Mr. Balfour to resign, also and recommend a dissolution of parliament.

The only authorized "Life of Pope Leo XIII." Written with the encouragement, approbation and blessing of His Holiness, by Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly, D. D., LL. D. (Laval). This distinguished author was summoned to Rome and appointed by the Pope as his official biographer. The book is endorsed by Donato Sbarretti, Papal delegate for Canada, and is approved and recognized by all church authorities as the only official biography of the Pope. Over 300 pages, magnificently illustrated, published in French. Best commission to agents. Sell only the official life by Mgr. O'Reilly. Elegant outfit free. The John C. Winston Company, Toronto, Ontario.

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## FOUND A LOST VEIN

THE GOLD KING VEIN DISCOVERED BY AN UNUSUAL METHOD.

LE ROI TWO'S FLUME CUT UNCOVERED THE SHOWING OF ORE.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
When the Le Roi Two Mining company started to construct a flume from their concentrator site to the headwaters of Little Sheep creek their last idea probably was that any other property would be benefited by the work. Numerous odd things crop up in mining, however, and another instance is disclosed in the Rossland camp. The cutting of the Le Roi Two's flume has disclosed the location of a long-lost-for vein on the Gold King claim, and the discovery is likely to have an important bearing on the future of the property.

Incidentally it may be stated that the flume is almost completed, and water may be flowing through it by the end of this week. The older residents of the Rossland camp are more or less familiar with the history of the Gold King property. It adjoins the Jumbo and is crown granted claim owned by A. D. Provand of Manchester, England, who owns a couple of score of patented claims in the district. Four or five years ago an effort was made to locate mineral on the Gold King. An inspection of the Jumbo showed that its vein followed a granite contact and the presumption was that the vein continued to follow the contact into Gold King ground. With this theory accepted a tunnel was driven for a hundred feet or slightly more, but when indications of mineral were found, the work was discontinued.

Now it is shown that there is a strong vein on the property, but that it is located about 300 feet south of the point where the work was done several years ago. The Le Roi Two's flume requires a somewhat deep cutting in crossing the Gold King, and in removing the earth a strong iron capping was disclosed, similar to the capping on the Jumbo vein. The capping is fifty or sixty feet in width, and the men at work on the flume were somewhat excited over the discovery. They promptly took steps to ascertain whether or not the ground was staked, intending to locate the mineral instantly if the negative proved to be the case. It is stated that a five dollar assay was secured from the iron capping, which is somewhat unusual. Under the conditions existing in the neighborhood of the Gold King an iron capping is generally taken to indicate beyond the shadow of a doubt the existence of a vein and ore body beneath, although the iron seldom carries values.

It is generally believed that when Mr. Provand is informed of the discovery he will start development work, and this may lead to the opening of an important ore body.

## WANTS THE MILITIA

THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE WANTS MILITIA TO TURN OUT AND MARCH.

MERCHANTS WILL BE URGED TO PLACE FLOATS IN PROCESSION.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
The militia corps of Rossland and Nelson are wanted in the big parade for the August celebration, together with labor organizations, fire brigades, city officials and citizens generally. This is the outcome of the consideration on the subject last night by the sub-committee on the parade.

A specialty will be made of floats, and merchants will be urged to go in for this feature. When the committee met last night Thomas H. Reed was elected chairman and A. T. Collis secretary. The first motion passed was that the organizations specified should be invited to participate in the parade, and that a prize of \$50 be given for the best float entered by a labor organization, with \$25 for the best float entered by a merchant. It was also decided that the general committee should be requested to see that all bands taking part in the celebration should form part of the procession.

Messrs. Robert Hunter, Frank A. Empey and Alderman Thomas Emberton were appointed a committee to interview merchants for the purpose of inducing them to place floats in the parade. Messrs. Michael P. Villeneuve, Arthur Ferris and Peter Ronald McDonald were appointed a committee to ask the labor unions to place floats in the procession. The opinion was expressed that with unanimity on the details, the procession could readily be made one of the most interesting and imposing ever witnessed in Rossland, and no effort will be spared to bring about this desirable end.

Protect your most valuable faculty and save your sight by having your eyes examined by one who has made a life study and can advise you what is best for them. Consult W. J. Harvey at Rossland Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27th, 28th and 29th, at the City Drug Store, Columbia avenue.

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