

Mining News

East Kootenay.

Work was resumed on the Big Chief last week and will be continued as winter progresses. There is a fine showing of ore on the property...

The Mount Main claim the shaft is now down 53 feet and will be continued to 75 feet, and then a crosscut will be run for 50 feet.

The present work on the Minnie M. and Tiger property consists of 100 feet of tunnel and incline on the Minnie M. The ledge is 14 feet in width...

The Silver Queen extensive preparation is being made to ship ore this season. One thousand ore sacks are being taken up...

The three next months' development on the Silver Bell has been by contract. The tunnel now being driven, however, is one which will test the value of the property...

On the Nettie L. four different forces of men are busily engaged respectively in pushing the long tunnel, stoping in No. 1 tunnel and drifts, putting up additional buildings, and getting out timbers for the winter's work...

Although it is by no means certain what amount of skilled labor each mine in the district will employ, the topics estimates that the properties mentioned are employing at least the number of men given as follows:

Table listing mines and their respective employee counts: Silver Cup (30), Sunshine (20), Tower (23), Nettie L. (6), Silver Queen (2), Silver Elm (3), Silver Bell (5), Silver Bell (5), Old Gold and Primrose (6), Rob Roy (6), May Bee (8).

Mr. E. G. Warren is in Rossland from Camp McKinney News, where he is in charge of operations on the Kamloops, which is the property of the McKinney-Kamloops Mining Company...

The Wild Horse and Boulder creek mines promise to bring back to that section the stirring scenes of the days of thirty years ago. The activity in that region is greater than at any time for twenty-five years at least...

substantial pay roll for that section alone. At the Chickamauga Stone from fifteen to twenty-five men will be employed...

The Phoenix group on Horse Thief creek, operated by R. S. Gallop, has discontinued work for the season. It is understood that development work on a large scale will be resumed in the early spring...

Messrs. Willard and Stratford, of Atholmer, B. C. have had the phenomenal returns of over \$800 per ton in gold, silver and copper from 25 pounds of ore which they sent to the Northport smelter...

The shipments of ore from Rossland last week exceeded 6,000 tons, the greatest output of any one week from the camp. During the week just closed 6,538 tons were sent down, making a daily average of over 700 tons...

The Red Line mines on McDonald creek, a tributary of Horse Thief creek, will commence shipping as soon as the snow will permit. The ore will be shipped from Peterborough in the spring...

The directors of the company operating the Cannon Ball group of claims on the east shore of Christiana lake, have decided to install a pumping and hoisting plant...

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Mr. H. W. Wilson, Writing in the London Daily Mail, compares the Fatalities of Modern Warfare.

The phrase "heavy losses" is one which has leapt to the lips of our newspaper writers and special correspondents with unusual frequency of late. Yet, as the phrase has been so widely used, it would be well to ask whether its employment is accurate...

At Dundee, on October 20, a British force of some 4,000 men had 2,000 killed and 191 wounded. A total loss of 2,191. This works out to a percentage of a little over five, and was incurred, he it remembered, in the frontal attack upon a very strong position, held by an equal or superior force...

An advance had to be made by our infantry up a steep mountain, under a heavy fire from marksmen whose reputation is world-wide and yet only one-twentieth of our gallant little brigade is put out of action. Had we possessed stronger troops the Boer position could have been turned, and even this...

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discovered that the less efficient the weapons the heavier the loss, though this apparent paradox has been denied by M. Bloch—who has not, however, been at the trouble of investigating the facts.

"At Inkerman the British column lost 2,487 out of 7,404, which gives a percentage of nearly 33. At Waterloo the Anglo-Belgian army totalled 67,800, and had 15,000 men hors de combat, while 75,000 Frenchmen suffered loss to the extent of 25,000, or just about one-third their number. Atigny in the same campaign the Prussians had 18,000 killed and wounded out of 87,000, which gives a heavier percentage than in any of the great battles of 1870. Moreover, at Ligny the...

Dead and Dying Were Crowded Together over an area one-twenty-fourth of that covered by the killed and wounded at Gravelotte.

But all these battles pale before Bordenno. "No battle of modern times, no encounter since the days before gunpowder, when the weaker side could be cut down at libitum by the victors, and quarter was seldom given, has witnessed such awful slaughter," says Mr. George. "Large figures, however, are less impressive than more individual instances; on the French side Ney and Murat were the only officers of rank who engaged in the thick of the fighting and remained unhurt, and on the Russian side the similar casualties were almost equally numerous."

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A HATER OF THE BRITISH. Incidents in the Career of Commandant Cronje.

A rough exterior is often supposed to conceal a warm heart. It is not, however, always true, and Commandant Cronje is an instance in point.

He has somewhat the air of the dirtiest kind of stage ruffian, modified by the noisome swagger of an out-of-control washbuckler. His manner and tone are offensive, conceited, impudent and bombastic.

In person, he is a man of medium height, thickly bearded, his hair inclined to be grizzly. He has very strongly marked features, an unpleasant leer, and watery blue eyes. Like so many Boers, he is absolutely incapable of looking anyone straight in the face, and there is a shiftness about him which is wholly repellent.

It is only fair to add that he has his good points. He is intensely, even blindly, patriotic; he is brave and plucky even to foolhardiness, although he had one grave lapse from his usual attitude of courage at Potchefstroom in 1884, which, however, he has since amply redeemed.

Although Cronje is a farmer, as all Boers are, in so far as they understand farming, he is really a man of war, and prefers fighting to any other form of dissipation. He has distinguished himself in more than one Kaffir war. In an attack on Magato's caves in Zoutpansberg, in Northern Transvaal, he displayed conspicuous gallantry.

True, it was an unjust and cruel war, but the commandant was none the less eager in the fray.

The origin of the Magato rebellion, and to a great extent that of Malaboch's tribes also, is not known, or, if known, not fully appreciated. In these far-off districts of the Transvaal the government is represented by a native commissioner—a Boer, of course—who is not always all that he might be in the way of financial rectitude. In the case in point, the particular native commissioner collected the hut tax twice over, and never remitted it to Pretoria at all. Not content with this little piece of inquiry, he fined the natives one or two or three head of cattle for the most trivial offences, gradually accumulating in this very expensive manner a splendid herd of oxen for himself.

At last, when he tried to collect the hut tax for the third time in a year, the natives revolted. Hence the war. Cronje quite admitted that the native commissioner was in the wrong, but he advanced the extraordinary opinion that the orders of the white man must be obeyed by natives under any circumstances whatsoever, or else the white man's superiority and authority would slacken and eventually disappear.

The war took place. Malaboch showed a determined fight. A few burghers were killed; Cronje and his valiant brothers-in-arms blew up with dynamite the caves containing the native women, children, and eventually Malaboch was caught, and the war ended. Cronje and Kruger heard his name, and in the crackle of the Maxim and the burst of Lyddite shell...

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