

OUR INTERESTS IN LONDON.

We should be remiss in courtesy and duty were we to ignore the truly fine work that is being done for British Columbia in London, England, by certain of the great financial weeklies published in the money centre of the world.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Sir Robert Giffen read a paper before the Royal Colonial Institute, London, a few nights ago, upon the growth of the British empire during the closing decades of the nineteenth century, and the statements made by him are worthy of consideration by every British subject.

Great Britain at this rate must soon far outdistance all competitors as a world power. Now, as to gain in population; it is quite as striking as the gain in territory.

Mines and Mining.

The Velvet on Sophia mountain has ordered a 30-horse power boiler to replace the 20-horse power boiler now in use at the mine.

The new 14-horse power boiler, hoist and driving entire satisfaction. The Gertrude, owned and operated by the same company as the Mascoot, will have a new machine plant installed, and is of electric power.

Richtest Ore Ever Taken Out. In the long tunnel at the Athabasca mine the men are now working in some of the richest ore ever taken out of the property.

Columbia Claims Sold. The Yankee Girl, Yankee Boy and Bell-Mineral claim were sold last week to Mr. Henry White, superintendent of the Paris Lincoln mine.

Kaslo Shipments. The following is a statement of the receipts at Kaslo for the week ending February 24th:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Pounds. Includes entries for Payne, Last Chance, Whitewater Mines, etc.

Payne Paid a Million. The Payne Mining Company of British Columbia, Limited, capital stock 1,000,000 shares of \$2.50, has been incorporated in Toronto.

Some cartoonists in New York Puck has drawn a picture, which has been widely reproduced, representing John Bull pointing to a big monument inscribed "civilization" and having as its ornament a number of states.

While laughing at the ignorance of the artist in including in the bunch of conquered countries civilized by England, Scotland, Scots will recognize the fine blundering hand of the unskilled publicist who helps with pen or pencil to keep alive those absurd fallacies.

Scotland was never conquered by any nation. Conquered nations do not, as a rule, dictate to their conquerors to the effect that the laws of the conquered land shall not be modified with that religion of the conqueror shall be unmodified.

Scotland is unique among the many portions of the British Empire in having its own peculiar laws from which England and the United States have borrowed many a good idea.

What then will be the policy of the States? Will the Americans then clamor for restriction and prohibitive duties and the preservation of the sacred creed, protection? Not very likely; free trade of the freest will then be the cry from all parts of the Union.

Protection, we are convinced, had little or nothing to do with the remarkable fact, which has attracted the attention of students of political economy everywhere, that an American firm was able

not shipped a pound and the War Eagle only 54 tons, in both cases owing to the machinery not being in order.

The Pittsburg Post says: One of the most gigantic combinations yet attempted by commercial organizations in the United States was completed on Thursday week.

The new electric compressor plant at the Mascoot is now running like a top, and is giving entire satisfaction.

The Highland Queen Consolidated Mining and Milling Company will shortly survey two of their claims, the Highland and the Bannockburn.

Work on the principal claims is progressing steadily; the drift on the 300-foot level in the Cariboo is now within a few feet of the surface.

The situation round and about Sandon is thus briefly stated by the Mining Review: The Payne and Last Chance are shipping without show or bluster.

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business men of the Boundary country towns were originally from Rossland, so that Rossland is really father of them all.

Queen Bess Mine. Between 60 and 75 men are now employed at the Queen Bess mine, Slocan.

The Noble Five will be a regular and heavy shipper from Sandon early in the spring. The immense ore body lately encountered is being blocked out ready for stopping.

Work is being steadily pushed on the Marion, Silver mountain, New Denver, and the ore bodies are improving greatly as the work goes on.

It is the intention of the owners of the Anglo-Saxon, on Silver mountain, overlooking New Denver, to resume work on this promising group as soon as the danger from slides is over.

Work on the March Bird will be started in a few days. This property adjoins the Pinto of the Mollie Hughes group, and has a strong quartz ledge showing, carrying good values in silver and small gold.

If the shipment of ore from the Slocan mines continues as heavy as it has been in the past two months, the record for the year will be a phenomenal one.

The working force is being increased at the Comstock. The concentrator is now in operation and the great dumps of concentrating ore are gradually diminishing as it is being run to the mill.

On the Hartney, another of the coming great mines on Silver mountain, a fine body of ore is showing. Development work has stopped temporarily, as this property, like the others on which work was started in the fall, is not in a position for the workmen to be protected from the danger of snow slides.

The Emily Edith is sorting ore for another shipment, which will probably be made next week. The ore body has been encountered in the No. 3 tunnel of the property, and great quantities are now being taken out.

The Annie M. (Little Cariboo M. & Co. Company) shaft is now 50 feet in ore; the water is getting somewhat troublesome and a hoist and pump will be in order on this claim.

One shift is at present working on the Shannon and Dolphin Company's property, awaiting the supply of water to operate its concentrator. The Rut is developing and stopping steadily, and may not ship until the water is getting somewhat troublesome.

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in sight, and the machine men who were in the holes on Friday afternoon declared that the drills were in order for their length, and this would indicate that the body is at least five feet wide, and it may be much wider.

The Management is greatly pleased with the find, which is by far the most important that has yet been made in the property or in that portion of the camp.

The work in the other properties continues with unabated vigor, and the outlook is that there will be no shortage of ore to add to the list before long.

The ore shipments for the week ending Friday evening, have started on the upgrade once more. The Le Roi began shipping regularly again on March 2nd, but the War Eagle has not sent out a single ton this past week, and it will be at least a fortnight before the machine of this mine will be in a position to start shipping again.

Erving Star Mine. Five miles from Slocan City, up Spring creek, is situated the Erving Star mine, one of the most promising mining propositions in the Slocan.

This property is equipped with a complete hoisting plant, steam engine, machine drills, and everything that is necessary for the proper development of a mine.

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A Soldier's Revel

Unable to Stand Persecution a Corporal He Fires Magazine.

Great Loss of Life—Fifty Have Been Taken From the Debris.

Toulon, March 5.—The navy magazine of La Courbe, between Seyne and Toulon, in the Depart Var, southern France, exploded past two this morning.

All of the soldiers on duty at the time and a number of inhabitants surrounding district were killed. Buildings were raised and fell of their sides. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilograms of powder exploded. It looks as if volcanic eruption had occurred, trying to sweep almost bare the surrounding district. Trees of distorted, fields devastated and with stones and black dust.

The stores are enormous. One fifty kilograms fell in the Point de Las. Signs of the explosion are visible in all the suburbs of Toulon. Fifty miles distant, windows were shattered. The shells scattered four were killed outright others severely injured, the coasting literally scalped and the sea was covered with bodies.

A large number of soldiers employed in clearing away the debris but the work is very difficult. It is possible to ascertain accurately the number of bodies buried in the ruins. Toulon, March 6.—About fifty have now been recovered from the explosion of a powder magazine yesterday in the suburbs of Toulon. The remains of several other magazines buried in the debris.

London, March 6.—A special from Paris says it is rumored that the soldiers who perished in the explosion of a powder magazine morning at Toulon have a past been the victim of systematic section upon the part of a certain party in the city. It is added that this man is of having blown up the magazine.

WORKMEN IN CONFER. Syracuse, N. Y., March 6.—Number of delegates to the Grand Lodge of the Degree or woman's organization, during the convention.

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