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Affairs Attract Attention.

PARIS SHOWING INTEREST in Kootenay-Gossip About New

Companies and Their Promoters. LONDON OFFICE OF THE MINER. 108 Bishopsgate Street, Within, E. C. LONDON, April 28.-[Special Correspondence]-The temporary depression which followed the tween Turkey and Greece was short lived, and the success of the Ottoman troops at once created a good impression in London, it being recognized that this would check those of the Balkan States which might feel inclined to rise in support of Greek aspirations. London did not certainly rejoice over the defeat of the Greeks, but it hailed with complete satisfaction the termination of an

intolerable situation and the prospect of a speedy conclusion of a campaign which, if prospeedy conclusion of a Campaign which, it pro-longed, might have seriously tested the temper longed, might have seriously tested the temper of the much discussed concert of Europe. London of the table sincerely sorry for the Greeks' reveris probably sincerely sorry for the Greeks' reverses and sympathizes with the disaster and distress which are the result of the foolish effort to bluff embarrassed Turkey, but a feeling of relies at the removal of the tension exists all the same.

The Mining Market. Prices have been cheery in all but the mining market, and there depression has reigned su-

British Columbians in London.

you say anything as to the progress o I saw Mr. R. H. Pope, M. P., the other day. I believe he is going back at the beginning of next week. He is very cheerful, and has been very busy during his absence from the colony, and from his conversation I should think he has found his visit all too short for the business in which he has been engaged. Mr. Einest Evans, of Evans, Coleman & Evans of Vancouver, teils me that he will leave England at the end of the week. As I cabled you

thusiasm must have made many converts during his stay in this country. Mr. Evans looks for considerable development this year.

Companies Recently Floated. I hear that a company is being formed to ac-

in the early stages of inception.
You will no doubt have been interested to re-You will no doubt have been interested to receive particulars regarding the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia, with which some influential people are connected. The total capital fluential people are connected. The total capital is £ 00,0 0, and £14,50 has been called up. The company's London affairs are being looked after by Sir Bartle Frere, the son of the brilliant by Sir Bartle soldier I need not send you any details regard ing this company's local affairs as you are no doubt better posted regarding the development of its claims at Boundary creek than we can be

Interest in Liverpool and Paris, Several of our large provincial towns are beginning to show a keen interest in British Colum-George Chamberlain, J. P., chairman of the Liverpool stock exchange, follows the progress of your province with the utmost enthusias in.

While Parisian financiers do not think that the while Parisian financiers do not think that the moment is ripe for the introduction of an indefinite number of British Columbia mining companies. I learn from my Paris correspondent that it nies. I learn from my Paris correspondent that it is thought that if an exploration and finance company were formed with the object of practi-cally demonstrating the payability of the Koote nay country there would no hesitation whatever in putting up plenty of c in for the development of the mineral resources of your province.

great publicity in the press throughout the United Kingdom and on that account will be beneficial, but it is difficult to understand the reason for this communication from the colonial secretary, as English machinery has been hither to barred owing to the prombitive tariff, and now that the tariff has been revised, it is most now that the tariff has been revised, it is most now that the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the most be a surface of the manufacturers will let a most be a surface of the most beautiful tof unlik-ly that the manufacturers will let so good an opportunity slip.

commented on by the Times and other leading journals, and the graceful way in which the liberal policy adopted by the mother country towards its colonies is acknowledged by the Dominion government, will further increase the goodwill between Great Britain and Canada. Coming as it does from a French-Canadian gov-ernment it is the more welcome and nothing could have been more opportune than that the first link towards imperial federation should have been supplied by the greatest of our colonies in the year of the great jubilee. The reciprocity clause should divert trad from Germany, to the mutual benefit of British manufacturers and

Canadian consumers, as few will deny the palm of excellence to British goods The Yukon Country. By the way, the British Columbia Review has a long article dealing with the pretentions of the interest by those interested, especially in view of the attention now being given to this country I am giad to ee an excellent article in the given to those who might desire to rush off to the ling where to do permanent development Liverpool Mercury in which a timely war ring is Yukon diggings, which have lately received much advertisement through Inspector Constan. tine's report. The writer does not in any way exaggerate the difficulties and hardships in front those who set out for these northern gold fields, and states that for his part he would prefer sweeping a cosy crossing in the streets of London to pr specting on the Yukon and ex-presses his belief that at the end of the year he

would be a richer man. Kootenay the Better Country. He concludes with giving some sound advice concerning the Kootenay in the following words: "If any young man seriously intends to go in for gold mining, then he had better go direct to R velstoke, and from this centre locate himself according to the best information he gets; and if he has sound judgment, wind and limb, plenty of make a fortune He will be able to see ice and snow here all the year round without going

nearly 2,000 miles north to the Arctic circlewhere gold may be had in abundance, but where it is reasonably possible to die of starvation with pockets full of gold in actual possession. "If the reports from the government officials are carefully read, it will be noted that the difficulties shown above are vaguely referred to." Yukon Chartered Company.

jected Yukon chartered company, with which

the Duke of Teck is associated. On what grounds the objection is made is not easy to discover.

Ogilvie's Report on Clonayke, I have been enabled to glance through Ogil- the Columbia and all three prospects Janadian and British Columbian vie's reports on the Cloudyke diggings, dated from ary last. The difficulties of administering the mining laws in the northern district seem to be Bruce and Sovereign. very great, and although there is no mention of brawling in the camp, there are signs of great dissatisfaction concerning the claims and it is possible that much unpleasantness may arise. Indian troubles threaten to come to a head, as the Indian huts, at the confluence of the Clondyke Talk of Floating a Big Exploration and and Yukon, were sold to the whites under a mis-Finance Company There to Operate also seems to be more trouble concerning the sale of whisky. It is to be hoped that the broadest publication of Inspector Constantine's report will not induce many men to start from this

country to those diggings.
Glass Jars for Salmon. I am informed that a very large order for glass jars has been placed with a northern firm by some of the largest salmon canneries operating in British Columbia, and it is hoped by these The temporal of the outbreak of hostilities bemeans that the last shred of prejudice against the minds of European consumers.

Fast Atlantic Service. I hear that there is considerable agitation in shipping circles over the proposed Canadian substeamers upon very tempting terms. Messrs. Peterson and Tait are reported to be the lucky firm which is securing the contract. The older lines do not like it at all, but this of course is not surprising since such an arrangement could

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Broker's Inquiries. GODERICH, Ont., May 4, 1897. EDITOR MINER-Sir: I have been for some time a reader of your highly valuapreme. There have been several new issues affecting Canada, but enterprise in connection stock broker, and have sold and now may be very briefly dismissed. Probably this with your province has been flagging a little, alwith your province has been flagging a little, alwith your province has been flagging a little, alhold stock in the companies mentioned
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> work on the same? International Gold-Copper company, Snowdrop and Sullivan mines.) Royal Gold Mining company, McMillan & Whitney. D. D. Birks, treasurer.

Cromwell Mining and Development company, Bennison & Co., agents. Have such companies as Delacola, Pickup, Early Bird, etc., any chance of ye-terday, he is largely interested in the Corinth Mines, limited, recently formed here by a private syndicate to acquire properties in the SI can adjoining the Alamo and Idaho. As I wired you full particulars regarding the officials, I need not rep at them in my letter.

From an interview I had the other day with Mr. Evans I gather that he thinks very highly of the SI can district. He has great faith in the future of British Columbia, and his modest enfuture of Brit become assessable, in case of failure, under your act, has about stopped investment in mining stocks through this Full particulars of the Adams company have part of the country. A vigorous effort been filed at Somerset House, and I suppose an should be made to put that on a fairer appeal will shortly be made on behalf of this basis. It will be impossible to get many to invest if this is not made secure. see many proposals to prevent "wildcatquire the Fairview property, but at present de-tails are not procurable, and the company is only ting," etc., etc. Now why could not

this end be secured simply by a stringent

[Below we have given all the information we have about the companies named and their prospects of success. The promoters, so far as we know, are reliable, and are all men of good reputation. The new Companies' act has made it possible to remove all darks and are all men of good reputation. The new Companies' act has made it possible to remove all darks.

It is claimed that The Mixer is altogether for Rossland, and that properties in adjoining districts fully as good receive but recognition. Takefor instance the four or five claims on which the town of Quartz Creek pins its faith, and which in a short time will surpass anything around Rossland. Hardly ever a word in their favor is seen in land. Hardly ever a wor

not considered a practicable scheme. chinery for the Elise arrives and the water is

ing shown in this country in the principal alterations of the Canadian tariff, and much satisface ations of the Canadian tariff, and much satisfaction has been expressed at the proposal to entirely remove the duty on mining machinery imported into the Dominion.

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Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think it would be Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think it would be now in the mining machinery imported into the Dominion.

Appears to be about 10 feet wide and conformation and not give it the cold shoulder. Mr. Chamberlain's statement has been given appears to be about 10 feet wide and contains some good ore. The Sullivan is at the mouth of Sullivan creek on the

The action of the Dominion government as regards the new tariff has been most favorably commented on by the Times and other leading thousand dollars in the treasury and is therefore in shape to continue develop- merit of the city and its surrounding mines.— Yukon country This has been read with deep ment. A group of seven claims, showing ED.] free milling ore, is to be thoroughly prospected at once with a view to determin-

Hunter in the south perf, about half a mile south of the Red Eagle mine and Columbia & Western railway. It has a good surface showing and the force now at work on the property has a shaft down 20 feet showing well mineralized vein matter from which assays up to \$18 have been obtained. The vein appears to be very wide, but has never been of the number of the state of Washington and registered in British Columbia, and is the exclusive owner of the claims named as follows: Snowbird, Semaphore Prickley Hornet and Tontine situated about a mile from Sandon, just above the famous Slocan Star mine. Our property is in good condition. We have at present over 2 o feet of tunnel work, as well defined vein and are following concentrating ore.

We inclose herewith a prospectus of our company, which was written up some time ago and we will probably have a new one out soon, show we will probably have a new one out soon. to be very wide, but has never been \$1,000. We desire also, for your further information, to crosscut. The company also owns the Cromwell on the north fork of Salmon Cromwell on the north fork of Salmon river. Nothing but prospecting has Any further information that you may desire been done on this claim yet. Work will of or about our company or its properties we would be very much p eased at any and all times be begun in a few days now that the to give you, as we invite investigation, believing that the statement by you was made with and insnow has gone off. High assays have vestigation of only the Rossland district an not been obtained from the surface ore, which is a fine grained pyrrhotite. The been evinced in British Columbia against the proto carry on work for some time.

English capital is needed in each and every part of the Dominion, and if a powerful company should interest itself in the development of the between the Big Trout, Ida officers in addition to the above are: President, C. Kearney Hammond, Sandon; vice-president, M. G. Denton, Tacoma Wash, and the other disconnections. Cloudyke a d other regions in the far north it would be of great benefit to the coast cities. gulch. A little work has been done on pany's properties to adjoin the Slocan Star group show encouraging indications. The Columbia is in the neighborhood of the

The Pick Up is on Stony creek, ad- pany.-ED.] joining the Cracker Jack. It is survey ed for a crown grant and has one assess ment work done. Only 30,000 shares of treasury stock have been sold, and the company has the balance of 300,000 left. No work is going on as the company has no funds at present.

The Delacola is on the north extension of Monte Cristo mountain, adjoining the Eric. Considerable work has been done and the showing is encouraging. Little treasury stock has been sold and the company has no funds on hand .- Ep.]

The Smelter Question.

EDITOR MINER-Sir: Our Americans friends know by this time perfectly well from the action recently taken re the alien question by both Englishmen and Canadians that we heartily wel come all and any of our American cousins who desire to throw in their lot with us, either as prospectors or miners, or in any business capacity whatever, just the same as men born unde the British flag. Whether we meet with quite the same treatment over the border need not be taken into account here. When, howeve-American gen lemen who, to their great credit made the first real success in Rossland, propose to build smelters for the treatment of Rossland ores just over the border, it is full time for Canadians to look the whole question fairly in the face and

Referring to last night's board of trade meet-All business requirements will be promptly met wit hout soliciting aid from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard people, and when we take into account the very substantial and liberal treatment this corporation has had from our government, is it likely the said government will stand idly by and see cities built up just over the border, that great profit and advantage may accrue to this excessively subsidized corporation? The valu g ound hare. able railway concessions in question and also those about to be granted re the Crow's Nest on Porcupine creek, is in town, and reports a Pass railway were surely intended partly to bene fit the people of Kootenay. But it would seem that some mine owners and railway magnates consider all the advantages should come to them

P. S. It might be well to remind the good peo-ple of Rosslan I that Denver and other cities take every opportunity to attract business by liberal grants both of lands and money. Why should not Rossland follow so good an example? [We commend this letter to our readers. ] expresses our sentiments very satisfactorily.

"The Miner" and Quartz Creek. QUARTZ CREEK, May 13. EDITOR MINER—SIR: There are people here who argue that the Rossland VINER is not doing justice to this part of the country. The Spokesman Review has quite a circulation here which I think by rights belongs to THE MINER, and I think with very little exertion on the part of THE MINER, it could easily supplant that paper. It is claimed that THE MINER is altogether for the standard and that properties in ad-

about the non-assessability of mining stocks by the companies re-incorporating which were organized under any of the old acts. The government inspection of mining old acts. The mining old acts is a specific property of mining old acts. The mining old acts is a specific property of mining old acts. The mining industry will be the headquarters for the mining old acts. The mining old acts is a specific property of the mining old acts in the mining old acts. The mining old acts is a specific property old acts

I am told that a draft prospectus has been pre-pared covering the Jumbo and several other roperties, but have not been able to get a peep pared covering the Jumbo and several other properties, but have not been able to get a peep at it yet. I am also told that underwriting has already been secured for this company, and that all that is required is a favorable moment to introduce it to the public. There are doubtless quite a dozen British Columbian prospectuses in this unhappy stage.

Mr. Chamberlain's Letter.

As you will have gathered from the wire I sent you about Chamberlain's letter to the Glasgow chamber of commerce considerable interest is being shown in this country in the principal alter-

[We greatly appreciate Ymir's kindly feelings towards THE MINER, but must beg to point out done and it has a big surface showing from more references to mines in the Salmon river which assays of \$12 have been obtained. district. In the past few weeks we have devoted The Royal Gold company owns 16 a great deal of space to Quartz Creek and the present, as it has been for some months of both city and di trict. In the past six months past, working double shifts on the Royal we have printed many columns about both the Gold claim. The shaft on the Royal Gold Parker and Elise and only last week a represenis down 80 feet, and shows four feet of and spent two days there expecting to visit and fair grade galena ore. The last assays describe the mines. e-pecially the Ymir, but it from the clean ore average about \$50 per rained during his entire stay and he saw nothton. About \$500 worth of work has been ing. Ymir can rest assured he will be back done on the Gold Orown, an adjoining arrange for a special correspondent at Quartz claim, also the property of the Royal Gold Creek and also see to it that THE MINER is company. The company has several placed on sale somewhere in town. Neither

Silver Queen Company. SPOKANE, Wash., May 12, 1897. EDITOR MINER-Sir: I notice in your issue of May 6 an article reflecting on the Slocan Queen The Cromwell company owns the Trail
Hunter in the south belt, about half a

Of the state of Washington and registered in British and the state of Washington and the state of Washingt

BRINSLEY M. WALTON,
General Manager of Mines. [The prospectus in question shows that the The Early Bird company owns the Co- company is capitalized for \$1,000,000 and that the

rector S. G. Cooper. The map shows the comon the east. Before saying we had never heard of the company we sent the letter of inquiry to our Kaslo correspondent, who is one of the best posted men in the Kaslo-Slocan district, and he advised us that he had never heard of the com-

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

Constable Devitt Planning a Jail -Mines in Salmon District. TRAIL, May 14 - [Special.] - Constable Devitt is planning the design for the new jail which will be built here. The appropriation of \$1,000 for that purpose, made by the legislature at the past session, will be available on July 1st. Work on the jail will be commenced as soon as the fund can be secured, and Mr. Devitt hopes to have the building done by the last of July.

The site has not yet been decided upon, as the

fficers hope to secure lots for the purpose from the townsite company. The building will be a trame structure. It will be surrounded by a heavy stockade so as to give the prisoners an exercise ground without opportunity to escape. Half of it will be used for the juiler's residence and examination rooms. The other half, which will be separated by a hallway running the full width of the building, will be divided into six cells. The kitch n will be located in a lean-to

inside the stockade. Constable Devitt expects to keep his convicted pri-oners busy at work on the streets and other

Excursion to Deer Park. The Foresters are making arrangements for instant. They are negotiating for the use of the steamer Lytton on the occasion. The boat will probably leave about 7 o'clock in the morning and will reach Deer, Par about to. The return trip will be made in the evening. The fare will similar excursion was made last year and was much enjoyed. Deer Park is a lovely spot, well suited for such festivities. probably be about \$1.50 for the round trip. A Rev. H. Irwin will hold services for the Episcopal congregation in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock instead of at 3 o'clock. A male choir will assist in the service

F. G. Jordan, the mining engineer, is back from the Salmon and the Pend d'Oreil'e. where from the Salmon and the Pend d'Oreil'e. where he spent a week examining some mining properties. He says the lower flats are tree from snow, and are fit for prospecting, but about a thousand feet above the river the snow is still so deep that prospecting is difficult.

Ed. Callahan, who is prospecting along Porcupine creek in the Salmon district, has struck a ead about two and a half miles back from the river, which assays \$17 on the surface. The vein river, which assays \$17 on the surface. The vein was uncovered by a snowslide which left the

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