

# Mining News

## BONA FIDE MINERS HOLD A CONGRESS

PRACTICAL WELDERS OF PICK AND SHOVEL GET TOGETHER DOWN IN THE MINNIE-CONDA.

### MEN WHO KNOW READY TO DISCUSS THE INDUSTRY

When the Shiftboss Blows in and the Meeting Is Unceremoniously Declared Off—What the Real Miner Thinks of the Fellows Who Get Together and Talk and Talk and Do Nothing.

"This underground International Miners' congress will now come to order." The speaker was Mike Mulcahy, the scene the 1700-foot level of the Minnie-conda mine and the time just to minutes after midnight, as the shadow of the shift boss disappeared around the corner of the stope.

In the flickering light of the miners' candles, it was a queer looking crowd that had gathered for what Mulcahy called "a rale mining congress, wid rale hard-rock miners from Yewrup, Africa and Ameriky."

First there was Mulcahy, a grizzled veteran of a hundred mines, whose big, kindly face and laughing eyes had got him out of many a scrape. As he leaned over and lit his abbreviated pipe at the candle stuck in one of the timbers, you could see the humor dancing on every line of his countenance. "Big Mike" the boys called him, and the epithet was equally applicable to his heart and his frame.

A Bow-Legged Cornishman. Not far from where Mike was "startin' up the d'udeel" was a little pleasant faced Englishman. His baptismal name was William and he had inherited the name of Harris. He was known to his friends in Centerville as Bill Harris but in the Minnieconda he was known as "Shorty." He and Mulcahy were great friends, in spite of the traditional dislike between the two races, and as he sat cross-legged near the Hibernian, he watched Mike's face with an amused smile anticipating the inevitable humor of his big partner.

Swan Johnson, a tow headed Scandinavian, leaned against the wall of the stope, with his shovel still in his hand, listening to the retreating footsteps of the shift-boss, while not far from and near the face of the drift, sitting astride the handle of a sledge, was Marco Marcovich, from the Russian forests. Marco was known to the assembly, however, as "the Australian," a name given him by Mike either by accident or misunderstanding.

### And a Son of the Caesars.

In the darkest shadow of the stope, half propped up against a wheelbarrow, his head just visible above the back of the barrow, was Antonio Rosetti or "Tony," as Mike called him. Tony was a small man with a perpetually shining face covered with a perpetual grin and in intellect and physique was a rather degenerate representative of the great Caesar, but he was a good miner and his knowledge of mines and mining wiped out the ignominy of being a "dago."

A watery-eyed Scotchman, with the apparently inapplicable name of "Gaston," a florid German who swore by Bismarck and Henry Mueller who answered to the name "Dutchy" as his inalienable inheritance, and an undersized Irishman, named "Murty," completed the party.

As Mulcahy turned from the light of the candle, nursing the glowing coals on his pipe with his forefinger, the attention of the little group was directed to him. He chose a place in the edge of the drift where a log projected and taking a seat on this natural eminence, began:

"Gintlemn—"

"'Wats the matter wid the ladies?" interposed the Englishman.

"There's no ladies in this congress," said Mulcahy deliberately. "This is no quillin' party. Will that hold ye, Shorty?"

Harris grinned in silence.

"The President's Address.

"Gintlemn," resumed Mulcahy, "pursuant to the suggestion av me short frind here, and recognizin' that the boss won't be back fr a couple of hours, I have called this congress to order and taken the liberty accorded to most av me companyriots to preside over the d'ibrations av the 'Ondherground International Minin' congress."

"Last night Shorty and me dropped into the Broadway theatryer where a lot av tailors, tortoisants and grafters was holdin' a meetin'." They called themselves minin' min, international minin'

min at that, and they talked a lot about mines and mining, but a whole lot more about rules av orader and poethry. There was long-haired potes from New Mexico and short-haired politicians from Chicago. The potes read poethry and the politicians read Roberts' rules av orader, to put the Ki-bosh on the wimmen av the party.

Shorty 'n me sat for awhile in the gallery and watched the show and while we were settin' there, I got to ruminat' about International congresses and about this gang in here and Swan and Tony and Murty and Dutchy and Gaston, and the Australian and meself workin' down here in the bowels of th' earth, and how much more we was doin' for the minin' industry, us eight, than all that mob av four-flushers wid their badges and their poethry.

For the Good of the Kind.

"And so I thought if we wuz t' form ourselves into some kind av a congress and deliberate while the shift boss was off, that we might be av some service to th' minin' industry. Av course, we have no rappershirts and no badges, unless 'tis this candlestick, but av we cant do as much fr the minin' industry av the country as this crowd of 'pazabes that has just left town, I'll go back to Cork in the mornin'."

"Now, in order to get this league av ours down to a working basis, I will suspend the rules and appoint the officers accordin' to their different nations. 'Shorty of England, I'll appoint you vice president. You have more vice than any of us. Swan from Sweden, you'll be secretary because you don't know any more than the law allows. We'll make th' Australian, Tony and Dutchy members av th' executive committee. Gaston, me frind, you was cut out for treasurer, which same I'd give to you Murty, only you're a far-downer and you might drink up the funds amny day. You're good fr a walking boss and yer principal jewties will be to keep yer mouth shut."

But Unfortunately.

"And now, gintlemn of the Ondherground International Mining' congress, we'll get down to business, and I'll call upon 'Murty from Commemara' to give us an address upon 'Placer Minin' in the state of California."

Murty knocked the ashes out of his pipe on the handle of his pick and cleared his throat, but unfortunately, just then, Flynn, the shift boss, took a notion to drop in for a minute and when he arrived, there was nothing out of the ordinary to be seen. Four picks were swinging with rhythmic motion, four shovels were digging into the loose rock and Mulcahy's pipe was filling the stope with silent fragrance.

The "Ondherground International Minin' Congress" had adjourned sine die.

### LIBBY DISTRICT IS IN A FEVER OF EXCITEMENT

Man From West Fisher Mines Is Said to Have Made Richest Gold Strike in History of Section.

James Lord came down from the West Fisher mining district a few days ago and brought with him the report of the richest gold strike in the history of that section, says the Western News of Libby, Flathead county. He says it is reported in Cabinet that John Fredericks has struck a pocket of free gold quartz on the Libby claim from which he had taken at the time Mr. Ford was at Cabinet two flour sacks full of the quartz, and that these two sacks were estimated to be worth from \$3,000 to \$5,000 in gold.

Just how much more, if any, of this rich quartz there is in the pocket is not known, as the claim lies a considerable distance from Cabinet and there are no further reports at this time. The claim owned by Mr. Fredericks from which the ore was taken lies between the Blacktail Mining company's property and the group of claims owned by the West Fisher Gold Mining company, and is supposed to be an extension of the Gold Bug vein, which is owned by the American Kootenai Mining company and which also extends through the property owned by the West Fisher Gold Mining company.

Mr. Fredericks located the claim last fall and was doing his assessment work when he made the lucky strike.

Mr. Ford saw some of the ore at Child's ranch, which is this side of Cabinet and at which place he was informed that Mr. Fredericks had given the piece to Mr. Childs. The latter says it is one of the poorest pieces of the rich ore which Mr. Fredericks found. Mr. Ford says the specimen he saw is the richest piece of free gold ore which he has seen from the West Fisher district, and in giving a description of it says it is about eight inches long, three inches the other ways and irregularly shaped. Around the center of the piece extends a band of gold about the width of an ordinary lead pencil and in addition to this there are particles of free gold liberally scattered throughout the other portions of it.

It is needless to add that the report of the strike has caused quite an excitement in the district and many have already gone to the new find to see what there is left in the neighborhood to be taken up. If the report of the strike is true, and there seems to be no question that it is, it is the most important one made in this camp for some time, and one which will do more to advertise the Libby district than any other.

MINING APPLICATION NO. 4554.

Helena, Mont., August 29, 1902. Notice is hereby given that Robert McBride and Jennie Adams, whose postoffice address is Butte, Montana, have this day filed their application for a patent for 125.3 linear feet, being 85 feet south-westerly and 1170.3 feet northeasterly from discovery shaft of the Six Thirty Lode Mining claim, upon which a notice of intention to apply for a patent was posted on the 25th day of August, 1902, situated in Summit Valley (unorganized) Mining district, Silver Bow county, state of Montana, designated as Survey No. 6683, in Township 3 north, Range 7 west, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southwest corner, a point in the north side line of Survey No. 6181, a granite stone set in the ground, with a mound of earth and stone alongside, and marked 1-6653, for Corner No. 1, from which the northeast corner of Section 17, Township 3 north, Range 7 west, bears south 28 degrees, 08 minutes and 40 seconds west 4764.5 feet, and running thence south 84 degrees 11 minutes east 246 feet; thence north 70 degrees 20 minutes east 733 feet; thence north 61 degrees 35 minutes east 280 feet; thence north 18 degrees 21 minutes west 389 feet; thence south 70 degrees 22 minutes west 1234 feet; thence south 18 degrees 21 minutes east 325 feet to the place of beginning, containing an area of 81.79 acres, of which 5.20 acres are in conflict with Surveys No. 2834, 2835, 3043, and 4857, not claimed, leaving 6.59 acres claimed by the above-named applicants.

The location of this claim is of record in the Recorder's office of Silver Bow county, state of Montana, in Book "P" of Lode Locations, on Page 32.

The adjoining claims to these premises are Survey No. 2834, Cook Lode, and Survey No. 2835, Fredericksburg Lode, on the north; Survey No. 3043, Black Chief Lode, on the southeast; Survey No. 4857, Kekuk Lode, on the south; Survey No.

### ABNORMAL QUIETUDE IN

Little Doing in Stocks, Owing to the Waiting Policy Generally Employed by the Buyers.

Regarding the condition of the copper market, Messrs. D. Houston & Co., of Boston in their September circular, say: "The past month was one of abnormal quietude in the copper market, and as far as activity was concerned it was largely a counterpart of July. The selling basis suffered repeated fractional reductions, but even with the additional inducements presented to buyers trading failed to broaden out to anything like liberal dimensions, and the total transactions were consequently below the average normal periods.

"There is no doubt that the declining tendency of the market has induced consumers to continue the waiting policy, but a renewal of activity may be expected the moment definite signs manifest that the market has touched bottom. Copper is in a peculiar position at present. Consumption in this country continues to be enormous and at the active industrial centers across the Atlantic is also heavy as the latest statistics show, but for some reason or other the market is not getting the measure of benefit it ought to reap from the ability of the world to consume the metal at the rate it is now being absorbed. With the aggregate copper consumption in the United States, England, France and Germany estimated at a very much larger total this year than last year, the market is nevertheless in anything but a satisfactory state, and in seeking for a solution of this condition of affairs it must be at least partly found in a too rapid growth of production, which has been followed as a matter of course by an accumulation of supplies. The market has reached a pretty low basis considering the present costs of mining copper, but the surplus stocks must be further reduced before permanent improvement can occur."

### Screenings.

Four stamps are crushing ore from the Helsing and Lyons property at the head of Bedrock gulch in the North Meccasin district of Fergus county, and if reports are to be relied upon, the little mill is not a failure.

It is reported in Whitehall that the Gold Hill mine, owned by Alex. McKay of Jefferson county and local parties, is about to be sold to Butte men for \$40,000. The property is located near Whitehall and is said to have yielded some ore of good quality.

Hoisting machinery has been placed on the property of the New Syndicate Sapphire Mining company in Fergus county. Lumber to be used in the erection of the company's buildings is being hauled to the ground. A large force of men is developing the mines. The season's work is reported to have been very satisfactory.

A. G. Richards, one of the Wyoming delegates to the Mining Congress, left yesterday for Laramie, his headquarters, and took with him about 100 pounds of specimens of ore which he brought here. The finest of the specimens, however, were left on exhibition at the Gardens. In all, he brought 1,000 pounds of rock, which was contributed from all parts of the state. Many of the specimens are very rich in gold, silver and copper and some of the copper carries platinum to the extent of \$100 to each ton of the ore.

The Houghton Mining Gazette says: "The Anaconda mine of Montana heads the list as the copper producer. This mine alone yields 100,000,000 pounds of the metal per year. A rich find of copper ore has been made near the Quill mine, not far from Carson, Nev. Assays show 25 per cent copper, with considerable gold. The ledge is wide. The value of the copper produced in the United States in 1887 was \$21,115,916; in 1900 it was \$101,222,712. The value of the copper exported from the United States in 1864 was only \$132,570."

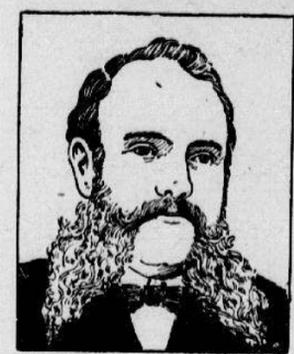
Henry Parrent of Fergus county, this state, has struck rich ore on his Rawley claim, located in the Dog creek section of the North Meccasin country. Reports from that district give the ore a value of 300 ounces in silver, 20 per cent lead and some gold. The strike was made in the shaft in which there is considerable water. The vein is said to be seven feet wide. The discovery of lead-silver ore beyond the cyanide belt is regarded by mining men in that section as significant, as it confirms what experts have always maintained, that great bodies of smelting ore would sooner or later be found in the North Meccasin. Surface indications of these ore bodies are apparent in many places there.

MINING APPLICATION NO. 4548.

United States Land Office, Helena, Montana, August 14, 1902.

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Samuel Barker, Jr., Attorney for Applicants. [First publication, August 30, 1902.]

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Mercy G. Hartwell, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the estate of Mercy G. Hartwell, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the office of Lewis A. Smith, Room 4, Silver Bow Block, Butte, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana.

EARNEST E. WRIGHT, Executor of the Estate of Mercy G. Hartwell, deceased. Dated Butte, Montana, this 2nd day of September, 1902.

LEWIS A. SMITH Attorney for Executor.

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plication for a patent for 1,500 linear feet, the same being for 350 feet in an easterly and 1,150 feet in a westerly direction from the point of discovery on the Rising Sun lode mining claim, situated in Independence (unorganized) mining district, Silver Bow county, Montana, the position, course and extent of the said mining claim, designated by an official survey thereof, as Survey No. 6645, Township No. 3 north, Range No. 8 west, a notice of which was posted on the claim on the 22d day of July, 1902, and being more particularly set forth and described in the official field notes and plat thereof on file in this office, as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner, a quartzite stone, 6x8x18 inches, 14 inches deep, with mound of earth alongside, and marked 1-6645 for Corner No. 1, from which the one-fourth section corner to Sections 21 and 22, Township 3 north, Range 8 west, bears south 75 degrees 44 minutes west, 565 feet, and running thence north 79 degrees 19 minutes west, 348.5 feet to the Southwest Corner No. 2; thence north 3 degrees east, 136 feet to Corner No. 3; thence north 20 degrees 21 minutes east, 431 feet to the Northwest Corner No. 4; thence south 79 degrees 11 minutes east, 1499 feet to the Northeast Corner No. 5; thence south 20 degrees 21 minutes west, 564 feet to Corner No. 1 and place of beginning, containing an area of 10.14 acres, of which 3.37 acres are in conflict with Survey No. 4840 and is not claimed, leaving an area of 15.77 acres, claimed by the above-named applicant for patent.

The location of this mine is recorded in the office of the recorder of Silver Bow county, on Page 417 in Book R of Quartz lodes.

The only known adjoining claim is on the Northeast Survey No. 4840, the Carrie lode.

FRANK D. MIRACLE, Register.

JOSEPH H. HARPER, United States Claim Agent. Date for first publication August 15, 1902.

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