Financial.

28 Wall Street,
New York, October 12, 1899.

To the Holders of the

First Mortgage Four Per Cent. Gold Bonds

OF THE

PITTSBURGH & WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

(DATED JULY 1, 1887):

Referring to our notice of December 14, 1898, we have to announce that holders of more than 80 per cent. in amount of the First Mortgage Four Per Cent. Gold Bonds of the Pittsburgh and Western Railway Company have deposited these bonds with us in accordance with the terms of said notice.

We have further to announce that we have made arrangements with the Reorganization Managers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company whereby, in case they issue any Plan of Reorganization of the Pittsburgh and Western Railway Company prior to December 14, 1899, they undertake to give all our depositors whose bonds shall not have been sold to them for cash, as stated in the next paragraph, an option for at least thirty days after such Plan is issued, to take par and interest in cash, or to have their bonds included in the Plan on the basis of new securities. They also agree that at the expiration of such option, they will purchase from us for cash at par and accrued interest up to the time of delivery, all bonds held by us in respect of which the option to take new securities shall not have been exercised, we agreeing to sell them such bonds. If no Plan shall have been issued by that date, the foregoing arrangements will continue in force thereafter until said Reorganization Managers terminate the same by notice to us.

If any holder of our receipts or certificates, rather than await such Plan, desires and shall elect to sell his bonds for cash (thereby losing his right of election to take either cash or new securities after issuance of the Plan), said Reorganization Managers further agree that, at any time prior to December 14, 1899 (and also thereafter until notice from them to us), such holder may present his receipt or certificate at our office for proper annotation of such election thereon, and that, at the expiration of thirty days from the date of such annotation, he shall receive par and accrued interest in cash therefor at our office upon surrender of his receipt or certificate properly endorsed.

J. P. MORGAN & CO.

KINGS COUNTY AND FULTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANIES.

NOTICE.

To the Holders of the
GUARANTY TRUST CO.
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
for the following bonds and shares:

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS,
COLLATERAL TRUST SERIES A BONDS,
COLLATERAL TRUST SERIES B BONDS,
INCOME DEBENTURE BONDS, AND
STOCK OF THE KINGS COUNTY ELEVATED RAILWAY CO., AND
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE FULTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY,

embraced in the plan and agreement of reorganization, dated APRIL 11TH, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that on and after NOVEMBER 23, 1899, holders of Guaranty Trust Company of New York Certificates of Deposit for above-mentioned securities may receive the new bonds and Brooklyn Rapid-Transit Company stock represented by Voting Trust Certificates to which they are entitled, upon presentation and surrender of their certificates at the offices of the Guaranty Trust Company of N. Y., No. 65 Cedar St., New York City.

Each holder must deliver all the certificates of deposit held by him for the various old securities, which will be scheduled and consolidated. Not more than one hundred schedules will be taken in on each business day.

Holders entitled to fractions of bonds or of Brooklyn Rapid-Transit Company stock certificates must either sell the fractions or purchase such amounts as may be necessary to entitle them to an entire bond or a whole share of stock, at an approximate market price to be fixed by the committee.

Holders transmitting Certificates of Deposit by mail must indicate whether they wish to sell or buy such fractions, and whether they desire the new securities sent by express, at their expense.

November 22d, 1899.

AUGUST BELMONT,
Chairman Reorganization Committee.

Dividends and Interest.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
146 Broad st., New York, Nov. 15th, 1899.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT., on the Capital Stock of this Company, payable on and after December 1st, 1899, at the office of the Mercantile Trust Company, No. 120 Broadway, New York, to the stockholders of record at the closing of the books. The transfer books will close at the office of the Union Trust Company, No. 80 Broadway, New York, Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 1899, at three (3) o'clock P. M., and will reopen Saturday, December 2d, 1899, at ten (10) o'clock A. M.
JOSEPH HELLEN, Treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY.
80 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.,
November 22d, 1899.
The Board of Directors has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. (1½ per cent.), from net earnings, on the Preferred Capital Stock, payable January 2d, 1900, to Preferred Stockholders of record of December 15th, 1899. Checks will be mailed.
Transfer Books of the Preferred Stock will close at 3 P. M. on the 15th day of December, 1899, and reopen January 2d, 1900.
E. W. HYDE, Secretary.

OFFICE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY,
23 BROAD ST. (MILLS BUILDING).
Coupons due December 1st from the following bonds will be paid on and after that date at this office:
Central Pacific Ry. Co. 3½ per cent. Mortgage Bonds.
Southern Pacific Co. 4 per cent. Bonds (Central Pacific Stock Collateral).
Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. E. Div.
N. T. SMITH, Treasurer.

Legal Notices.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT—County of New York. BRADLEY AND CURRIER COMPANY, Plaintiff, against MARY A. McNAMEE, FRANKLIN L. SHEPPARD AND HOWARD R. SHEPPARD, Defendants. Amended Summons. Action No. 1.
To the above named defendants and each of them:
You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default and for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated October 27, 1899.
ADAMS & BRADLEY, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office and Post Office Address, 46 Cedar street, New York City.
To the defendant Mary A. M. Namee:
The foregoing amended summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of the Hon. Leonard A. Giegerich, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 16th day of November, 1899, as amended by an order dated the 17th day of November, 1899, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, at the County Court House, borough of Manhattan, City of New York, said orders having been filed in the said office on the 16th and 17th days of November, 1899, respectively, and said complaint having been filed on the 31st day of October, 1899.
Dated, New York, November 18, 1899.
ADAMS & BRADLEY, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Office and Post Office Address, 46 Cedar street, New York City.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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Sales.	Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
7170	Chic Ter	11⅛	15	11⅛	14
680	Chic Ter p	39	45	39	44
200	C C & Iron D	2	⅛	1⅛	1⅛
400	C C & Iron D p	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝
662	C, H V & T	35	35	34	34⅝
8858	C, H V & T p	63	65⅝	63	65⅝
600	Col & H Coal	19⅝	19⅝	18⅝	18⅝
175	Com Cable	193	193	193	193
300	Cleve, L & W	12⅝	13	12⅝	13
100	C, L & W pf	45	45⅝	45	45⅝
59810	Consol Gas Co.	192⅝	201	192	196
17635	C, I & L	12	19	12	16⅝
4588	C, I & L p	45	52⅝	44	51⅝
4880	Del & Hudson	123	123⅝	120⅝	121⅝
3434	D, L & W	190⅝	190⅝	188⅝	189
4160	Den & R G	21⅝	21⅝	20⅝	20⅝
445	Den & R G p	75	75⅝	75	75⅝
400	D M & Ft D	18⅝	18⅝	18	17⅝
1300	Dul, S S & Atl	6⅝	6⅝	6	6⅝
150	Dul, S S & Atl p	15	15	14⅝	14⅝
305	Erie R R	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
2820	Erie R R 1st p	38⅝	38⅝	36⅝	36⅝
200	Erie T & T	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝
700	E & T H	46⅝	46⅝	46	46
79060	Federal Steel	58⅝	60⅝	57⅝	59⅝
7197	Fed Steel p	81⅝	81⅝	80⅝	81⅝
9435	Glu Sugar Ref	52	53⅝	54	52⅝
500	Glu Sugar p	100⅝	102⅝	100⅝	102⅝
7498	G Nor p	174⅝	177⅝	174	176
21452	Gen Electric	126⅝	131⅝	126	129⅝
989	H B Claflin	11⅝	114⅝	113⅝	114
160	Homestake	75	75	75	75
2030	Int Paper	26	26	24⅝	25
1440	Int Paper pf	70	70	69⅝	69⅝
6200	Illinois Cen	116	116⅝	114⅝	116
100	Int Silver	14	14	14	14
1000	Iowa Central	14⅝	14⅝	14	14⅝
805	Iowa Cent p	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝
900	K C, P & G	9	9	8⅝	8⅝
100	Knick Ice p	70	70	70	70
8000	L E & Western	19⅝	21⅝	19⅝	21⅝
770	L E & West p	78	80	78	80
115	Lake Shore	208	208	208	208
500	Long Island	54	55⅝	54	55⅝
5870	Laclede Gas	80	80	74⅝	79
9380	Louis & Nash	87	87	86	86⅝
850	M, S P & S S M	24	24⅝	23	24
1573	M, S P & SSM p	66⅝	67	65⅝	66⅝
220361	Man Con	106	106	101⅝	104
7320	Mex Nat ctfs	4⅝	5⅝	4⅝	5⅝
2780	Mex Central	13⅝	14⅝	13	13⅝
5825	Met St Ry	194⅝	194⅝	193	193⅝
10	Mich Central	110	110	110	110
8661	M W S El of C	25⅝	29⅝	25⅝	29⅝
876	M W S El of Chicago	80⅝	83	80⅝	83
6630	M & St L	71	71	66⅝	68
625	Min & St L 2 p	98	98⅝	98	98
17475	Missouri Pac	49⅝	49⅝	48⅝	48⅝
100	Mo, Kan & T	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
1840	Mo, K & T pf	40	40⅝	39⅝	39⅝
800	Mobile & Ohio	45⅝	45⅝	45	45
78	Morris & Essex	187	187	187	187
2670	Nat Steel	49	49	46⅝	48⅝
2005	Nat Steel p	95	95⅝	95	95⅝
150	Nat L Oil	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝
9260	N J Central	123	124⅝	121	122⅝
5541	N Y Central	137⅝	138⅝	136⅝	137⅝
5670	Nat Lead	29	31⅝	29	30⅝
163	Nat Lead p	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝
90585	North Amer	13⅝	17⅝	13⅝	14⅝
10	N Y & N H	218	218	218	218
1050	N Y & St L	13⅝	15	13⅝	14
300	NYCASt L 1st p	83⅝	85	83⅝	85
1400	NYC & St L 2p	35	37	35	37
20	N Y, L & W	132⅝	132⅝	132⅝	132⅝
145	Nat Biscuit	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝
50	Nat Biscuit p	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
16865	Norfolk & West	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
8430	Norfolk & Wp	71⅝	71⅝	70⅝	71⅝
81125	Northern Pac	56	56	55⅝	55⅝
4635	Northern Pac p	76⅝	76	75	75⅝
22200	Ontario & West	26	26⅝	25⅝	25⅝
560	Pac Coast	51⅝	51⅝	50⅝	50⅝
220	Pac Coast 1 p	87⅝	87⅝	87⅝	87⅝
124	Pac Coast 2d p	66⅝	66⅝	66⅝	66⅝
18870	Pacific Mail	47⅝	48	*45	45⅝
4065	Peo, Dec & Ev	3⅝	3⅝	3	3⅝
2277	Peo & Eastern	5⅝	7⅝	5	7
2690	Pr'd Steel Car	57⅝	59	57	58⅝
975	P Steel Car pf	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝
361	Pull Pal Car Co	192	194⅝	193	194⅝
776	P, C, C & St L	75	76	75	75
10	P, Ft W & C	188⅝	188⅝	188⅝	188⅝
200	Pitts & W pf	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
38596	Penna R R	130⅝	132⅝	130	132⅝
25600	People's G & C	113⅝	115	113⅝	114⅝
1780	Reading	21⅝	21⅝	20⅝	20⅝
87110	Reading 1st p	60	60⅝	58⅝	58⅝
8750	Reading 2d p	32	32⅝	30⅝	30⅝
2880	Republic I & S	25⅝	25⅝	24⅝	24⅝
8635	Rep I & S p	71	71⅝	69⅝	70
2610	Rio Grande W	41	43⅝	41	43⅝
710	Rio G W pfd	85⅝	89⅝	85⅝	89⅝
1470	St L & W	13⅝	13⅝	12⅝	13
6050	St L S W pfd	33⅝	33⅝	31⅝	31⅝
800	St P & Omaha	117⅝	118	117⅝	118
169058	Southern Pac	43⅝	44⅝	42⅝	43⅝
16125	Southern Rwy	13⅝	13⅝	13	13⅝
28565	So Rwy pf	57⅝	58⅝	57	58⅝
182	St Jo & G I	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
235	St Jo & G I 1 p	52	52	50⅝	50⅝
700	St Jo & G I 2 p	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
1274	St L & S F	11	11⅝	10⅝	11
67	St L & S F 1 p	72⅝	72⅝	71	71
1456	St L & S F 2 p	37	37⅝	36⅝	37
6187	Standard R & T	11⅝	12⅝	10⅝	12⅝
12480	Tenn C & I	115	115⅝	111⅝	115⅝
520	Twin C R T	63	64⅝	63	64⅝
80	Twin C R T p	135⅝	135⅝	135⅝	135⅝
428	Third Av R R	148	152	148	151
1100	Tex Pac Land	11⅝	12⅝	11⅝	12⅝
470	Texas Pacific	19⅝	19⅝	18⅝	19
129657	Union Pacific	50⅝	51⅝	49	50⅝
26417	Union Pac pf	77⅝	78⅝	76⅝	78
20	U S Flour & M	12	12	12	12
250	U S F M pf	25	25	24⅝	24⅝
40	U S Express	50	50	50	50
1750	Un Bag & P	27⅝	28	26	26⅝
579	Un Bag & P p	79	79	78⅝	79
2195	U S Rubber	47⅝	49	47⅝	48
928	U S Rubber p	111	112	110⅝	111⅝
226267	U S Leather	25⅝	28	18⅝	20
42300	U S Leather p	83	83⅝	79⅝	80
128	Wabash	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝
8551	Wabash pfd	24	24	22⅝	22⅝
2940	West Un Tel	88⅝	88⅝	87⅝	88
8420	W & L E	11⅝	11⅝	11	11
2200	W & L E 1st p	58	58⅝	57⅝	58
8825	W & L E 2d p	30⅝	30⅝	29⅝	30⅝
8987	Wis Cent	19⅝	20⅝	19⅝	20
652	Wis C p	56⅝	56⅝	56	56
100	Wagner Pal Car	193	193	193	193

Total sales, 2,553,640 shares.

*Ex-dividend.

SUNDAY, Nov. 26.

The official count of cash in the Treasury today compared with that of yesterday shows:

	Nov. 25.
Gold coin and bullion	$248,860,468
Silver dollars and bullion	10,556,478
U. S. notes	15,822,371
Other assets, less demand liabilities	24,242,580
Available cash bal., including gold reserve	$296,511,897

Court Calendars This Day.

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess.

Supreme Court—Appellate Term—Motions—Appeal from Order of City Court—No. 1. Appeal from Judgment of City Court—No. 1. Appeals from Municipal Court—Nos 1 to 87 inclusive. Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 A. M. Part II.—Ex-parte matters. Part III.—Clear. Motions—Demurrers—Nos. 1145, 1150. Part IV.—Cases unfinished. Law and fact, Nos. 8295, 8888, 3091, 3341, 3165, 3166, 87, 7, 2896, 3473, 2817, 3410. Part V.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part II. Part VI.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part IV. Part VII.—Clear. Elevated R. R. cases. Trial Term, Part II.—Clear. Preferred causes—Nos. 10588, 10538, 11260, 11705, 11448, 11845, 11506, 10566, 11357, 10982, 11017, 10983, 11049, 11503, 9957. Part III.—Case unfinished. Nos. 102, 5793, 5794, 5903, 5564, 38, 8, 3029, 6213, 5084, 3941, 6073, 5835, 5578, 6152, 6273, 6278, 6271, 1002, 4446, 3443, 3853, 5429, 6307, 4759, 5544, 3705, 3819, 5739, 5948, 6223, 6224, 3055. Part IV.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. Parts V. and VI.—Adjourned for that term. Part VII.—Case unfinished. Inquest, No. 3336. Day calendar—Nos. 6018, 6164, 1028, 6406, 6384, 65, 1, 1, 61, 6304, 6309, 5537, 2003, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 6227, 5381, 5274, 5045, 6411, 5530, 3195, 841, 763, 5216, 1926, 6070, 6050, 6131, 6184, 5758, 65, 7. Parts VIII. and XI.—Adjourned for the term. Part IX.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part VII. Part X.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part VII. Part XII.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part II.

Surrogate's Court—Chambers.—For probate—Wills of John Bauma, Matilda French, Hannah Moylan, George W. Seaing, Martin Butler, Phillipina Prasch, Henry Lingsfeld, at 10:30 A. M.

Trial Term—Case on No. 15 on—Will of Mary L. Ritter, at 10:30 A. M. Nos 1394, 1512, 1458, 1485, 1486, 1488, 1501, 1515, 1514.

City Court—Special Term—Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions at 10:30 A. M. General Term—Appeals from orders. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Appeals from judgments—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Parts I, II, III and IV.—Adjourned for the term.

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EXTENDED MINING SEASON.

FINE WEATHER IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER DISTRICT.

Mines Catch Up on Work Delayed by the September Storm—Fears of a Coal Famine in the Colorado Mining Districts—Yellow Aster Gets Free of Litigation.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Nov. 22.—The fine weather during the present month is worth tens of thousands of dollars daily to the copper district. Contractors were far behind and the mines, especially the newer ones, were delayed on much important work. There were the usual September snowstorms, one quite severe, but during October and so far during November not a particle of snow has fallen, and one week ago the temperature here reached 80° in the shade. Such weather has never before been known in the copper district, where sleighing usually begins in November.

The Arcadian people hope to have their permanent hoist in working order at No. 2 shaft in two to three weeks. The Arcadian will have at least one thousand men working steadily during the entire winter.

The Arnold is running one stamp which treats about three hundred and fifty tons of rock daily and the monthly product is about fifty tons of refined copper. At this rate the percentage of ignot copper taken from the rock is about fifty-five one hundredths of 1 per cent. The Atlantic is making about sixty-three one hundredths of 1 per cent. at the present time but was down as low as 55-100 last spring, for three successive months. The mines are more than thirty miles apart but each is working an ashbed lode well toward the northern sandstone wall of the Keweenawan copper belt, and there is reason to infer that both mines are opened on the same lode. Where the amount of metal carried by the rock is so small every pound of copper counts heavily. The Arnold is now taking 11 pounds of copper from 2,000 pounds of rock, which must be broken underground by dynamite, hoisted nearly a quarter of a mile to the surface, then carried some distance by train to the stamp mill where it is reduced to sand and the minute grains of metal extracted.

Down in the Joplin zinc district of Missouri the smelters and mines are closing down because of a coal famine, and grievous complaints about the scarcity of soft coal and consequent damage to industry come from many parts of the country. There will be no coal shortage in the copper district, as the soft coal receipts of the season will aggregate nearly half a million tons. This would suffice to meet the requirements of a busy manufacturing city as large as Detroit or Milwaukee, but it takes plenty of coal to lift ten-ton cages carrying fifteen-ton loads from shafts a mile deep at the rate of fifty miles an hour. It also takes fuel to run pumps of forty and sixty million gallons daily capacity and to operate the heavy machinery.

The Isle Royale has recently met with a series of small accidents, among the most serious of which was the flooding of the lower levels of the mine through the accidental tapping of the old workings. The plans showed that the new work was over one hundred feet distant from the nearest opening of the old mine, but a mistake was made. After the Isle Royale was shut down by the owners it was worked in a small way by tributors—miners who "scrammed" for copper, taking the metal wherever it was to be found and dividing their finds with the owners. The tributors naturally paid little attention to engineering and none to map-making. The trouble met with at the Isle Royale is certain to occur more or less frequently at all of the old mines now being reopened.

The Mass mine in Ontanagon county is getting copper rock from the Butler lode which opens the eyes of the oldest mining man. If the Butler lode should hold anywhere near as rich as these samples indicate, a mine of remarkable richness will be opened there.

CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—The Central Eureka, Amador county, is producing rich rock said to be worth over $100 a ton. The rock is found in both shafts and drifts.

The Stickle shaft of the Utica is being retimbered and the old timbers, which contain considerable gold from the ores which they supported, are being burned and the ashes panned.

At the Blue Ledge copper mines, Del Norte county, near the Oregon line, the vein has been tapped at the depth of 146 feet and the ore is found to be rich in copper.

In El Dorado county there is a remarkable revival of mining interests. It is especially notable that the operations of old mines which had been either abandoned or closed down. T. M. Davis has struck a ledge three feet wide in the claim which he is developing near the Argonaut mine. He has uncovered a rich pocket from which a single pan yielded over $300.

The copper property that is being made ready for active development near Pilot Hill gives excellent promise. The ore goes 20 per cent. copper and $15 in gold a ton.

The State Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Superior Court giving the Yellow Aster Mining and Developing Company, Randsburg, Kern county, full possession of its group of properties in the Rand district. This decision leaves the property in the possession of the original locators, Singleton, Moores, and Burcham, and makes them for the first time since the location of the mines free from hampering lawsuits.

A large deal in oil lands has just been made in Kern county by which the Lovell White tract of 5,000 acres, not far from Bakersfield, lying within the oil belt, has been leased to Arthur G. Nelson of Los Angeles with option to purchase within a year for $112,000. A big oil strike has been made in the McKittrick district by the California Standard Company, which has opened up a 400-barrel well. The Western Land and Oil Syndicate has lately acquired 7,000 acres of land in the Poso Creek section, in the oil belt. Apparently the large oil companies are making every effort to secure all lands in Kern county that have the appearance of containing oil deposits.

After a trial of several months the quicksilver deposit near Santa Ana, Orange county, have been abandoned. A little very good ore was found, but the value was too much scattered to make the working profitable.

Three-fourths of the stock of the Morning Star Company, Placer county, has been transferred and the company reorganized. This mine has been worked for many years and its output is still $1,000 a day.

At the 100-foot level of the Algol copper mine a 65-foot vein of copper ore has been struck. Fourteen feet of the vein contains quartz bearing gold. The remainder carries copper which varies from 3 per cent. to 40 per cent. in copper value.

The Mammoth group of copper claims, in the Backbone district, west of Kennett, Shasta county, has for some time been under bond for $100,000 to New York capitalists. The option expires Jan. 1, and it is said that the company has decided to take the mines and will then pay down half the purchase price. In that case the new owners will erect a smelter and build a branch railroad to connect with the main line at Kennett.

An alum deposit has been discovered in Shasta county, forty miles east of Redding.

A hydraulic plant of considerable magnitude is being fitted up by New York, Chicago and San Francisco people on the Trinity River, above Weaverville, in Trinity county. They are putting in a 4000-foot syphon and 2,000 feet of pipe and have bought 800 acres of land. The pay gravel is 100 feet deep, 5,000 feet long and 650 feet wide.

NEVADA.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nov. 18.—A 75-ton smelter is being put up at Sodaville by the Colorado Iron Works. In Lyon county, at Esmeralda, a gyrating sulphur plant is being constructed by ex-Gov. Adams of Nevada for working the deposit near Mound House.

The unwatering of the Comstock mines goes on slowly, although the elevator works continuously.

MEXICO.

GUAYMAS, Nov. 18.—The Bienvenida mine at Puerto, in the Urea district, has been sold to an American company for $100,000.

The new 1,400-foot shaft, which is the deepest in the Santo Domingo mine, Santa Eulalia district, has forty-nine feet of water in it. This is the first large body of water ever struck in any of the mines of this district. Water has heretofore been very scarce in the town of Santa Eulalia, and if this should prove to be the water level the strike will be almost as valuable as if it had been of gold.

ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—There are but two small steamers remaining in the waters of Nome at present, and they will seek harbors of safety at St. Michaels or Cape York for the winter. It is estimated that 2,000 miners are scattered along the coast from Nome to York. All are comparatively well provisioned, or if they are not, they can draw on St. Michaels, where the warehouses of the several transportation and trading companies are well filled. It is four days' travel by dog train to St. Michaels.

The Gladhow copper mine, Prince William Sound, has recently made a trial shipment of ore to the Tacoma smelter, netting $25 a ton. This property is located on the beach where there is a solid body of ore 65 feet in width and at extreme high tide is covered by water. It is said that it can be taken out in cargo lots of any magnitude, and now that big profits are assured, the property will be worked to full capacity.

Men who were engaged in the expedition with Capt. Abercombre, constructing a wagon road from Valdes up Copper River, bring stories of wonderfully rich copper deposits from eighty to ninety miles from Valdes on the new route to the Yukon. They describe the ledges as being from six to thirty feet wide, and the ore bornite and native copper worth from $60 to $140 a ton. While the mines are remote from water transportation, it is said that the ore is in such abundance as to justify the construction of a railroad, while the quality surpasses anything ever found in the northwest.

WASHINGTON.

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—The 250-foot ledge of the Washington-Anaconda group in Beckler River district, has been cross-cut the entire width, showing several large pay streaks from six inches to sixteen feet in width, while the entire ledge matter between the walls of porphyry and slate is highly mineralized, showing values of from $2 to $14 a ton in gold, copper and silver. The mine bids fair to become the largest copper-gold property on the western slope of the Cascades. The Troublesome Index Railroad, now under contract, will run within three miles of these claims, and it is the purpose of the railroad company to have this line completed by June 1.

The Mammoth mine in Slate Creek is now among the bullion producers, having during the past week turned out the first gold brick, valued at $1,800. This was the product of 150 tons on a trial run of a new 5-ton mill. The test proving satisfactory, the mill will continue to drop stamps all winter.

The Republic mine has declared its regular monthly dividend of $15,000, and it is announced that there will be no passing of the dividend while the big mill is under construction. The present mill will run to its full capacity and the high grade ore will be shipped to the Northport smelter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—The Helga group of copper mines on Clayoquot Sound, Vancouver Island, have fallen into American hands and are making a very good showing, the ledge being eight feet wide, of which, at least half is high grade shipping ore. A contract was let this week for a tunnel 300 feet long, which will cut the ledge at a depth of 200 feet. The mouth of this tunnel is within a few feet of deep water and safe harbor for large vessels.

The Van Anda mines and smelter are in successful operation, employing 120 men in all departments. This is one of the busiest camps in the western portion of the province under American management. The product of the smelter is regularly marketed in New York. The smelter plant will be enlarged next year.

COLORADO.

DENVER, Nov. 22.—The coal operators are finding difficulty in securing either enough miners or enough cars to accommodate their increasing business. Some of the operators are paying railroad fare from Missouri River points to Denver for all miners who will come. Intelligent miners experienced only in working in coal mines, after coming to Colorado soon seek for work in the gold and silver mines, leaving the operators to search for new men. The shortage of cars extends to all roads in the State, and every mining camp suffers because the ore cannot be moved as rapidly as it is mined. Even the smelting and reduction works are over-supplied with ore, and while the surplus is wanted by distant smelters, the car service is not sufficient to the demand. The situation is so serious that fears are entertained of disaster should a sudden cold snap or a snow-blockade interfere with traffic.

Leadville is especially bad off in regards to a coal supply. A blockade of a few days would entail serious loss. The railways lay the blame upon the smelters which do not release the cars as speedily as possible.

Meanwhile the work of developing old properties and prospecting in old districts in the Leadville camp continues with increasing vigor. The great success of the Home Mining Company in opening up a new area of rich ore in old workings has resulted in the formation of another company, planned upon the same basis. This is the City Mining Company which is to operate under bonds to lease of the city in what is known as the "downtown" district. Property owners are to have 200 shares for every 2,500 square feet they own, and other stock will be sold on the public market. Now that the water problem has been solved, the expense of developing in this new field will be comparatively slight. About seven hundred property holders will be interested in this company.

The Golden Eagle Company of Leadville will pay a dividend of one cent per share next month.

The new pyritic smelter built by the Boston Gold Copper Company in Leadville has been in operation for several days, treating 300 tons of sulphide ores daily. The new smelter reduces the bulk of from twenty to fifty tons into one, the matte carrying several hundred ounces of silver and gold with a high percentage of copper.

The sale of the Caribbean and Montezuma mines at Ophir to the Venture Company of London is announced. This property has been successfully worked for a period of ten years, and it is well developed and equipped. Stipulations for more improvements are included in the deal. The consideration is placed at $350,000.

An important silver strike is reported in the Julius Cæsar mine at Winfield, Chaffe county, which has been slowly developed by the owner during many years of work. An ore chimney was encountered in a drift run from the surface and assays show silver values as high as $5 a pound. Winfield is an old camp at the head of Clear Creek, in northern Chaffe county about fifteen miles from Granite.

A report is current of the sale of the Alice property at Yankee, Boulder county, to New York men.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

DEADWOOD, Nov. 22.—A very rich streak of sylvanite ore has been opened in the Ironsides mine, in Carbonate camp, which was recently purchased by Colorado men for $75,000. The vein has been crosscut twelve feet with no signs of penetrating it. The machinery for the new steam plant has arrived and is being installed at the mine. The company will soon commence shipping ore to Denver.

The Baltimore and Deadwood Mining Company has started up its stamp mill at Central City, after making an addition of ten stamps. The company has a large shoot of free milling cement ore.

Copper ore is being shipped from the Blue Lead mine, six miles east of Hill City. This is the first regular shipment of copper ore ever made in the Black Hills. It is estimated that 20,000 tons of ore have been blocked out which will average 8 per cent. copper.

IDAHO.

IDAHO CITY, Nov. 19.—The first payment has been made by a Boston company on a large tract of placer ground on Granite Creek in the west side of Boise Basin. The ground will be worked by dredges.

An unusually large amount of rain has fallen this fall, which insures prosperity for the placer miners next year.

Several very large ledges have been discovered on North Boise River during the past few months, all of which are high grade in copper and carry from $10 to $15 in gold a ton. The veins are traceable for long distances. The surface ores give returns of from 10 to 15 per cent. copper.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 20.—The Honerine Mining Company's property, consisting of nineteen claims, at Stockton, Tooele county, has been sold to Charles H. Scheu of this city and Willis G. Fyler of Sharon, Pa., the latter representing a Pennsylvania syndicate. The sum involved was not announced, but is said to be $250,000. The Honerine property is among the best known propositions in the State and was located in the early fifties by Gen. P. E. Connor. Ores of the value of $4,370,000