

## NEWS FROM MINING CAMPS

AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES EVERY SECTION IMPROVES.

Items of Interest Gathered During the Past Week—B. C. Mines Busy—Coeur d'Alene District Making a Wonderful Showing—Accidents and Personals—Mergers All the Go.

Charles Sweeney has sold for the Federal Mining and Smelting company the Everett smelter, with over \$300,000 worth of ore on hand, and the Monte Cristo mines, to the American Smelting and Refining company at a price exceeding one million dollars. This is more than the Federal company paid for these properties and adds this much money to the funds in the treasury of the Federal company.

The Wallace sampling works have been bought by the Federal company from the American Smelting and Refining company, which bought them a year ago from the Coeur d'Alene Mine-owners' association. The price paid, \$10,000, was less than the real value. They cost \$25,000.

The Everett smelter was owned by the Puget Sound Reduction company, whose stockholders were identical with those of the Monte Cristo mines, all New York men. The smelter and the mines together were profitable, although the mines by themselves were not.

E. H. Moffit, who has been manager of the Standard mine at Wallace for several years, and under whose direction the mine has made a most excellent record, has resigned from the Federal company, and is devoting all his time to the management of the Hecla mine.

J. F. McCarthy, who has been manager of the Mammoth mine for a number of years, continues with the Federal company. He represents the Wilson-McKay interests in the merger.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

The strike in the Fisher Maiden in the Slocan, is proving one of the most important of the season. Superintendent Long at the mine says that the strike has widened to a showing of three and a half feet of shipping ore carrying ruby silver.

The Hesperus group on Hardy mountain, has joined the ranks of the shippers. The Granby smelter is now treating considerable Hesperus ore, the first smelter returns of which gave values, principally in copper, of \$16 per ton. The properties are four miles from Grand Forks.

The Jumbo mine in Rossland camp, controlled by Finch & Campbell of Spokane, has increased its monthly output to 1000 tons, with the probability of still further increases after the snow has fallen sufficiently to make sleighing.

Ore shipments from the combined mines of the Boundary district were greater last week than ever before, as all the large mines are now working at full capacity. The output has averaged considerably over 2000 tons per day.

### MINING NOTES.

A. C. Mars is at Republic from Park City, on the south half of the reservation, after a winter's supply of provisions for the Hidden Fortune group and the adjoining property, recently acquired by Captain A. E. Handford of Seattle. Mr. Mars reports having taken out 50 tons of \$65 ore, that carries in silver and lead, with a little copper, which came from a five foot vein.

The Calumet & Hecla's official report has been filed with the commissioner of corporations, showing a surplus of \$22,000,000, and has attracted great interest. The assets are valued at \$24,000,000.

The two-stamp mill, hoist and other machinery, 20 tons in all, for the Lucky Lad mine, in Buffalo Hump, are on the road from the railroad at Stitice. The mill is to be used for sampling mostly in development.

F. H. Allen, a prospector, was found dead in his tent in the south part of Prairie City, Ore., a few days ago. An inquest was held and it was decided that he had died from natural causes.

The conference at Kansas City, Mo., between the coal miners and the operators, which has been in session for 11 weeks is ended. The result of the conference has been the raising of the wages and a consequent raise in the cost of mining coal, which will result in a yet greater raise in the price of coal to consumers.

V. G. Moore, of Colorado Springs, a mining man, is at Kendall, Mont., and has commenced extensive explorations on claims belonging to Guy Norman of Lewiston. The ground lies just south of the now famous Kendall mine and in line with the trend of the mammoth ore body. Mr. Moore has secured a diamond drill. He will thoroughly explore the ground.

A mob of 12 or 15 men invaded Chinatown at Tonopah, Nev., and at the point of guns compelled the occupants to dress and ordered them to leave town at once. A number of Chinamen not complying at once were struck over the head and body and dragged from their habitations and forced to accompany the mob to the outskirts of the town and told to take the road to Sodaville. Later on all Chinese but one returned to town and notified the officers.

The general land office has sustained the decision of the Coeur d'Alene land office classifying a large area of land in Shoshone county as nonmineral. About 325,000 acres between Wallace and the St. Joe river and on the other side of the river are involved. A number of Wallace people have prospects in the district and if the secretary of the interior upholds the commissioner, the locators of these claims will be forced to forfeit their rights or to buy the land from the Northern Pacific Railroad company.

W. T. Hales has commenced suit at Wallace against the St. Joe Basin Mining company to collect \$78,900 alleged to be due on agreement of sale. The complaint recites that the company agreed to purchase a group of placer mining claims in the St. Joe country from him for \$92,150. Of this amount \$13,250 was paid and it is stated that the balance was to be paid from the sales of treasury stock. Hales alleges that treasury stock has been sold to an amount unknown and that the money has not been paid in.

Harry Miller, one of the most widely known mining men of the northwest, recently died at his home in Colville, Wash., after a prolonged illness, of tuberculosis.

The Crackerjack mine in Buffalo Hump has just sent out its first clean-up from its new 10 stamp mill. The sum was a little over \$10,000 for a 24 days' run—the best mill record ever made in the Hump. The Crackerjack had a five stamp mill and a month ago finished adding five more stamps to the mill equipment.

What is believed to be one of the most important strikes ever chronicled in the history of the Coeur d'Alenes was made recently, when the Snow-storm tapped the ledge in the lowest tunnel. This is at a depth of 1072 feet, and the copper ore is of higher value than in the upper workings. Four feet have been cut through, and some of the ore is said to be wonderfully high grade. The tunnel was in 1685 feet when the ledge was reached. The strike is especially noteworthy from the fact that the property is a copper one.

An Anaconda special says that Tom Ruddy and George Ogilvie were caught by W. S. Mahoney and W. R. Allen, officers of the French Gulch Gold Dredging company, in the act of robbing the sluice boxes of gold recently. The company officials suspected that the boxes were being robbed and watch was set. Ogilvie later confessed in jail that Ruddy and he had been systematically robbing the boxes of gold for many months and returned to the company over \$1000 worth of gold dust which he had in his possession. While taking Ruddy to jail he secured a rifle and attempted to kill Roy Davidson, president of the company. During the scuffle he fired one shot but missed Davidson. Before he could fire again the workmen overpowered him.

The Belcher mine, near Republic, Wash., expects to get into its vein this week in the lower tunnel. It is now in 275 feet, and should be touching the footwall, according to both the survey and the indications.

The session of the Colorado State Federation of Labor has closed. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the strike of the miners, millmen and smeltermen for the inauguration of the eight hour day and pledging them the full power and resources of the federation to that end.

The resolutions condemn "the unwarranted and autocratic action of Governor Peabody in turning the military arm of the state government over to the mineowners for the furtherance of their own private interests at the cost of the people of the state and against the interests, welfare and liberty of the citizens."

### Drilling Contest.

A decided surprise was sprung in a drilling contest held at Wallace recently, when a team known as the Swede team carried off the first prize, valued at \$200. The winners were Johnson and Nygreen of Burke. They won over four competing teams, drilling 32 inches.

Following are other teams with their records: Morrissey and Banford, Mullan, 31 3-8 inches; Morrison and Keppner, Mullan, 29 1-8 inches; Cummins and Ross, Nine Mile, 28 11-16 inches; Durham and Patterson, Kingston, 27 15-16 inches.

Cummins and Ross and Morrison and Keppner were picked as winners and considerable money was wagered upon the result. The latter team carried off the prize at Mullan on Labor day. The granite that was used was exceedingly hard and this accounts for the distance drilled being small.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS SUMMARY

CULLED FROM DISPATCHES OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

A Review of Events in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events Tersely Told.

Captain Miller, who was skipper on the yacht Columbia during the summer, and Captain Barr's assistant on the Reliance during the cup races, it is stated, his bought from Sir Thomas Lipton his old cup challenger, Shamrock II.

The price paid is believed was not far from \$7000. The purchasers will break her up for the value of the material.

Consternation and excitement caused by the dramatic announcement of Joseph Chamberlain's resignation as colonial secretary, prevail among all classes in the United Kingdom, to the exclusion of every other topic.

The Chinese government will make a claim against the government of the United States on account of the injuries inflicted by residents of Tonopah, Nev., upon Chinese residents of that place recently.

Last week Manager H. G. Stimmel of the Spokane Interstate Fair; Manager C. D. Jeffries of the racing department of the fair, and John L. Smith, superintendent of the fair, were in Salem, attending the Oregon State Fair and in Portland investigating the amusement features of the Jabour Carnival company.

Considerable interest was created among Pittsburg bankers recently by the announcement that the Second National bank of Connellsville, Pa., one of the strongest institutions of the coke region, had decided to hereafter pay 5 per cent. interest on savings accounts.

The report of the board of officers appointed to investigate the recent accident on board the cruiser Olympia, at Norfolk, finds that Corporal Yerkes of the marine corps, who was killed in the explosion of alcohol, was mainly responsible for the accident.

Ten thousand workers in Berlin have gone on strike. The manufacturers will hold a meeting to decide what shall be done as to closing their works entirely.

Mrs. Mary E. Jahn and her 3 year old daughter Pearl died recently from burns caused by lighted gasoline, and Harry, the 10 year old son of the woman, is also fatally burned. The boy had been in the habit of helping his mother about the stove during the day. He was a somnambulist and during the night he went through the operation of turning on and lighting the stove in his sleep. A fire resulted and Mrs. Jahn and Pearl ran to the boy's aid.

Manager Collins of the Boston American league team announces that a series of nine games for the world's championship between Boston, champions of the American league, and Pittsburg, champions of the National, has been arranged, the series to begin in Boston about October 1, and to consist of four games in each city, with a ninth game here or at Pittsburg in case of a tie resulting.

After shooting and fatally wounding Chief of Police Fred Heuke and Captain Brennecke of the police department and seriously wounding Frank Lutz, a councilman of Booneville, Ind., Detective Thomas Hutchens recently shot and killed himself. The tragedy was the result of a long existing quarrel between Brennecke and Hutchens. The cause is not known. The shooting occurred in a tent at the tristate fair grounds in the presence of 500 people. Neither Chief Heuke nor Captain Brennecke had opportunity to defend themselves.

Professor and Mrs. C. V. Piper have left Pullman, Wash., for Washington, D. C., where Professor Piper takes the position of botanist in the department of agriculture.

President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the seawahaka-Corinthian Yacht club at its handsome and spacious home on Center island in Oyster bay. Many men prominently identified with yachting in the east were present, and the dinner was a handsome and delightful affair. An invitation was sent to Sir Thomas Lipton, but he was unable to accept on account of illness and because of his engagements in the west. President Roosevelt gave a toast to Sir Thomas Lipton.

An invitation to come to Chicago and deliver his views as the guest of the people of the United States was recently forwarded from the Illinois Manufacturers' association to Joseph Chamberlain of England. He replied that he could not come on account of work at home.

The wife of John E. Wilson, a detective, was shot and killed recently at her home, and Miss Lulla Cunningham is in jail charged with the murder.

The United States government has

completed the purchase of the Hotel de Oriente on the Plaze de Calderon de la Barca at Manila. The price paid for the property is said to have been \$313,000.

Judge Andrew Russell, mayor of Ganns, I. T., recently killed two men, Tuck Martin and Joseph Choate, in trying to keep the peace of Ganns.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, Charles S. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific, was elected a director, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Carlos French.

Another test of the submarine torpedo destroyer was made in the outer harbor at Newport, R. I., when the torpedo boat McKee was torpedoed in her most vulnerable point—under her engines—by the Moccasin. It is said the Moccasin succeeded in escaping the shot fired after her by the defending vessel.

Patrick Collins, 65 years of age, a driver in the employ of the city, was recently frightened to death by the sudden glare of an automobile that nearly ran into his team in Jerome avenue at 180th street.

It is stated that John D. Rockefeller has decided to erect no less than fifteen large office buildings and business blocks in the downtown district of Cleveland, Ohio, at a cost aggregating more than \$30,000,000.

As a result of the strike of the Philadelphia union of the International Association of Marble Workers, the Association of Marble Dealers has ordered a lockout at all mills and shops of the association's members, about 40 in number.

W. P. Gamble the United States deputy marshal who confessed complicity in a plot to substitute old Chinese for young Chinese who had been ordered deported, committed suicide in San Francisco by sending two bullets into his brain. Rather than face the disgrace of a trial and possible conviction in the federal courts he left his young wife and killed himself.

The Gazette of Cologne, publishes a dispatch from Fez, Morocco, saying it is rumored that all foreigners are to be expelled from that city.

Three hundred and fifty members of the journeymen tailors of Cleveland, Ohio, struck recently to enforce the recognition of their union. Eight hundred people are idle as a result of the strike.

General Sir Ian Hamilton is in New York. General Hamilton took a prominent part in the defense of Ladysmith during the South African war.

Miss Adelaide Fairbanks, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks, was married recently to John W. Timmons, ensign U. S. N.

A collision between an Illinois Central train and a switch engine at Randolph street, Chicago, recently, resulted in the injury of 12 women.

### WHEAT YIELD OF WASHINGTON.

Commissioner Arrasmith Estimates at Twenty Million Bushels.

State Grain Commissioner Arrasmith says: "The average yield of the lands of the state is low, but owing to the superior prices this year the net returns to the grower will be nearly equal to that of last year. Supposing the grain to be all saved, the yield will average about 18 bushels to the acre, taking one section of the state with another. The estimate for the state would, therefore, be from 20,000,000 to 21,000,000 bushels. Last year the yield was between 26,000,000 and 27,000,000 bushels, quite a falling off for this year, when the additional acreage is taken into account.

"This year the farmers of the extreme eastern portions of the state are being offered 65 to 75 cents, so that the loss in yield is made up to the farmer by the additional price. This means about \$14,000,000 of money to be distributed in the eastern part of the state, from the wheat source alone, and this outside of the freight paid the railway companies.

"As a consequence of the high prices I think there is no question but the coming year will show an unparalleled increase in the wheat acreage in this state."

### Curses His Prosecutors.

Fresno, Cal., Sept. 23.—"Judge, I hope that God will curse every person that has had a hand in sending me, an innocent man, to prison. I hope he will curse them and their offsprings. I am innocent; that is all I have to say."

This was the malediction pronounced by A. J. Canady after a life sentence had been imposed on him by Judge Austin. Canady was convicted of improper relations with his 13 year old daughter, who committed suicide yesterday rather than testify against her father.

### Allen Acquitted.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 19, via St. Michael, Alaska, Sept. 23.—George Allen of Seattle, who, in the spring of 1901, was convicted of complicity in an assault upon and the robbery of George Embleton at Nome, has been acquitted of the crime by a jury in the United States district court.

## COURT GUARDED BY TROOPS

PROCEEDINGS IN MINERS' CASES AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

Judge Refused to Listen to An Argument in Absence of Prisoners—General Chase Claims to Be in Full Authority by Order of Governor Peabody—Cases Cited by Both.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 22.—A special from Cripple Creek says:

The habeas corpus proceedings in the district court in the cases of military prisoners in confinement at Camp Golden had all the spectacular settings of military display. At the morning session Judge Seeds absolutely refused to listen to any argument in the absence of the prisoners and an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. Previous to that a heavy guard of troops was placed around the building containing the courtroom, and at 1:30 the four prisoners for whom writs had been issued were brought in under guard.

When court convened Lieutenant McClelland read a supplementary return to the writ of habeas corpus. In this he claimed the first jurisdiction of the district over the military prisoners, saying that General Chase was in full authority by virtue of the executive order of the governor, and had absolute authority in the situation by right which Governor Peabody gave him when he ordered the troops to the district.

Attorney Murphy was then recognized by the court, and protested against the martial array of soldiers in the courtroom. The court answered that there was not now nor would there be any undue military display. Attorney Murphy then made a motion to quash the supplementary writ, and the military attorney signified that they were ready to argue the motion to quash.

Attorneys for the prisoners related the substance of their petition. Attorney Murphy said the four prisoners held were citizens of the United States and were being illegally detained without warrant. He further stated that the duties of the militia were very limited, that there are certain lines beyond which if they go they trespass upon the law.

"There is," he said, "no law permitting the military to subjugate the civil authority."

Lieutenant McClelland, acting advocate general, replied. He read from the Pennsylvania supreme court decisions in the case of Private Westcott, who shot and killed a striker and was acquitted of the charge of murder, saying:

"Our case rests practically on that supreme court's decision."

Attorney Murphy then addressed the court and cited the decision of the supreme court of Colorado that was handed down against Governor Waite when he called troops to the city of Denver to oust the city officials.

Court then took a recess. The troops returned to Camp Goldfield with the prisoners.

### TRADE REPORT.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Business has made moderate progress the past week despite unusual opposition from the elements. When all other industries are to a considerable degree dependent upon agricultural conditions, reports of serious injury to crops by cold and wet weather are not calculated to stimulate confidence. Subsequent corrections indicated that the amount of damage had been exaggerated as usual, and prospects brightened. Manufacturing plants are well occupied as a rule, even the textile mills reporting less idle machinery, and at Chicago there is notable pressure for implements and hardware. Lumber is in better demand as structural activity revives. Payments are seasonably prompt, except where late crops delay settlements, and the outlook for fall and winter business contains much that is encouraging.

Uneasiness over the labor situation aggravates the difficulty, although the latest developments in the building trades are most encouraging in this respect.

Failures were 219 in the United States.

### Coast Wheat Report.

Portland, Ore.—Walla Walla, 77c; blue stem, 81c; valley, 80c.

Tacoma, Wash.—1c higher; blue stem, 83c; club, 79c.

### Curtis Jett Guilty.

Cynthian, Ky., Sept. 24.—After a trial lasting eight days the jury in the case of Curtis Jett, charged with the murder of Town Marshal Cockrill at Jackson, Ky., July 21, 1902, rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at death.