

MINES AND MINING NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

General Bell of Cripple Creek Says Every Union Miner and Sympathizer Must Leave That Country—B. C. Mines Busy—Accidents and Personals.

One hundred and fifty delegates to the convention of Western Federation of Miners at Denver have returned to their homes. At a meeting of the executive board \$1,000 was placed on deposit for the relief of the wives and children of union miners in the Cripple Creek district.

"The executive board will see that no militiaman will take the food from the mouths of these people," said Vice President Williams. They destroyed the co-operative store at Cripple Creek for that purpose, but the board will attend to the wants of these needy ones. More money will be deposited if necessary."

British Columbia Notes.

So far this year boundary mines have maintained an output of nearly 70,000 tons monthly.

Work on the Phoenix branch of the V., V. & E. and the Granby spur is progressing rapidly.

Foreclosure on the Iron Mask mine at Rossland has been perfected by D. C. Corbin of Spokane, as trustee for the various interests. He has final title.

Seven hundred square miles of the choicest coal and oil bearing land in east Kootenay will be immediately thrown open for development by the British Columbian government.

A surprise awaited the inhabitants of Phoenix Saturday morning. A high wind prevailed most of the night, and by daylight the earth was covered with nearly five inches of snow.

F. D. Weeks of the American Engineering company of New York city has been engaged by the Sullivan Group Mining company to construct the smelter at the mine near Marysville, B. C.

As soon as the trail from Crawfords Bay to Nelson is completed the Five Metals Mining & Smelting company will commence to ship silver-lead ore from its property, which is situated across Kootenay lake from Ainsworth, B. C.

The big tunnel at the Rambler-Cariboo mine in the Sloacan country is now in about 300 feet. Compressed air has been put on the mine, so that in the future work will proceed more rapidly. The tunnel will be 4,400 feet when completed, which will be in two years.

One of the richest, if not the richest, strikes ever recorded in the Sloacan, has been made in the Rambler-Cariboo near McGuigan. A recent sample weighs some hundreds of pounds and is the finest in point of size and freedom from anything which might tend to bring it into the concentrating class ever seen in Kaslo. A remarkably fine shoot of ore was encountered in the 700 foot level, and was drifted on north and south for 120 feet or so, the ore maintaining its quality and quantity for the entire distance.

Mining Notes.

Thirty-five or forty men are working at the Continental mine, 22 miles west of Port Hill, Idaho, near Priest Lake. John Koelichson, a Hungarian miner at the Morning mine at Mullan, Idaho, sustained a broken leg by being struck by falling rock in the mine.

L. L. Gregg, for a number of years a millman in the employ of various companies of the Coeur d'Alenes, has accepted the management of the E. & E. 20 stamp mill at Bourne, Ore., near Sumpter.

Two good ledges of free milling ore are reported to have been discovered in the vicinity of Sullivan lake, Idaho, and as a result a number of people have left Newport, Wash., to prospect in the vicinity of the new find.

The iron mines, 12 miles west of Valley, Wash., owned by J. D. Farrell of the Great Northern railroad, have been closed down and J. M. Davey, who has been foreman in charge of the work, has gone to St. Paul.

W. S. Rogers of Spokane says that he and Alf Gillon have purchased of A. J. Young a group of seven iron claims six miles east of Valley, Wash., for \$25,000, of which \$5,000 was cash and the balance in six and 12 months.

Norman C. Jones of Manitou, one of the pioneers of Colorado Springs, Col., was instantly killed recently by an express train. He was walking upon the track and evidently did not hear the approaching train, being hard of hearing.

C. S. Verrill, a mining engineer of New Haven, Conn., who has been at Republic, Wash., the past two or three months in professional practice, has left for Seattle, whence he will go to Juneau, Alaska, to examine mining properties.

The death is reported of Mike O'Fla-

herty, an eccentric prospector, who is supposed to lie buried beneath an immense snowslide, which swept over the old miner's cabin, in the Wise river country, Montana. O'Flaherty was at one time superintendent of the Hecla Mining company, one of the largest concerns of its kind at that time in Montana. He was 70 years old.

"Thomas Greenough, E. Dempse, G. B. Dennis of Spokane, and John C. Wilson of Belton, Mont., have secured 5,000 acres of oil lands in northwestern Montana. Work will begin immediately on at least one well, and others will be started soon afterward.

It is expected the work of overhauling the 16 to 1 mill near Wallace, Ida., will be commenced within a few weeks preparatory to making shipments. Since development work was resumed six weeks ago an excellent body of ore has been uncovered in the lower workings.

Acting under the orders of Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell of the Colorado national guard, a special train was made up at Victor, Col., for the deportation of 76 union miners. The train comprised a combination baggage car and two day coaches. Almost immediately the work of loading the men began. They were marched to the train between heavy lines of militia and deputies. A crowd of fully 1,000 people had collected to see the men placed on board. Among the spectators were wives and sisters, fathers and mothers of the deported men, and the scenes were very affecting. Mothers, sisters and sweethearts cried good-bye and tried to push through the lines for a parting handshake. The militiamen dumped the men on the prairie just over the Colorado line. At the point where they were set down there is no eating house nor railway station, and the men were practically destitute.

General Sherman M. Bell says: "I have indisputable evidence in my possession which will lead to the conviction of a number of union men for the murder of the nonunion miners who were killed in the Independence depot explosion. We have between 35 and 40 men in the bullpen who will swing for this crime. We are only waiting to capture two or three more men before we tell what our evidence is."

At Victor, Col., Andy Pavitsch was killed and John M. Marshall fatally injured by the explosion of a missed shot in Stratton's Independence mine. Both of Marshall's eyes were blown out.

Peace is coming to Cripple Creek, Col., if General Sherman M. Bell, military commander of Teller county, can accomplish all that he has planned to do. It will come through forcible expulsion of all persons who owe allegiance to the Western Federation of Miners, or who express sympathy with the miners' union.

MAY SELL TORPEDO BOATS.

It is Possible Owners of Submarine Boat Have Disposed of It.

The United States government has received no information regarding the reported sale to the Japanese government of the submarine boat Protector. The boat was understood to be preparing to compete with the Holland boat Fulton for endurance, speed and availability as a torpedo boat under water and awash. The Fulton has had its trial, but the Protector had not yet appeared on the course, although the lake people have not notified the department of her withdrawal from the contest. So the naval officers do not know whether she is aboard the Norwegian tramp steamer, as reported, or quietly practicing in some secluded Long Island cove, preparatory to the test. But it makes little difference from an international view what has become of this boat, in the opinion of the state department, since Hamilton Fish, when secretary of state, laid down an opinion to the effect that a torpedo boat capable of being carried on the deck of a ship might properly be regarded as an article of merchandise, and so might be sold by a belligerent without violation of neutrality, but subject to the risk of seizure on the high seas.

From the general tenor of Mr. Voohees' recent statement there can no longer be any doubt that the Protector has been sold and that she will become the property of the Japanese.

Drop Train Hobber Chase.

Glenwood Springs, Col., June 13.—Chase for the two Denver & Rio Grande train robbers who escaped from the posse which surrounded them in Grand canyon, after shooting their companion several days ago, has been abandoned.

President of Argentina.

Buenos Ayres.—Quintan a Eli has been elected president of the republic. Figueroa Alcorta has been chosen vice president.

One Hundred More Deported—

Washington, D. C., June 14.—It is learned from a high source that Attorney General Knox will resign from the cabinet in a few days, and will be succeeded by Mr. Moody, the present secretary of the navy.

FOUR NORTHWEST STATES

LATE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK BRIEFLY TOLD.

Choice Selection of Interesting Items Gathered From Exchanges—Cullings From Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon—Numerous Accidents and Personal Happenings Occur.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Spokane is soon to be supplied with street signs.

The democratic state convention will be held at Bellingham August 2.

Harvest in some parts of Columbia county will be delayed until nearly October.

Walla Walla barbers are scored by the state board of barbers. They claim the shops are unsanitary.

Casting banana peenings on streets or sidewalks is to be made a misdemeanor in South Bend, Wash.

Two thousand people attended the A. O. U. W. picnic at Waitsburg. The affair was a complete success.

Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor will form a second trades council in Spokane.

Joseph F. Kennedy, a veteran painter of Spokane, was killed in a runaway last Saturday in Spokane.

Roy Painter, stamp clerk at the Walla Walla postoffice, has received an appointment in the Philippine service.

Fred J. McDonald, 15 years old, is under arrest at Colfax, on a charge of attempting to pass counterfeit money.

F. C. Chambers was arrested at Wilbur and found guilty on the charge of practicing medicine in the state without a license.

The foundation for the Odd Fellows' building at Garfield has been completed. Work on the structure will be rapidly pushed.

The Reno post, G. A. R., of Spokane, has appointed a committee to see that desecrators of the stars and stripes are prosecuted.

By the breaking of the suction pipe in the hold the ocean going dredger Pacific was sunk in 20 feet of water in the channel at Tacoma.

The ninth annual meeting of the Spokane Pioneer society will be held at Natatorium park June 18, from 3 p. m. to 10 p. m.

General Adna R. Chaffee will inspect the forts of this state during the coming July. He will be accompanied by other army officers.

Frank Butler of Spokane, brakeman on the Spokane Falls & Northern train, was instantly killed Saturday at a point two miles from Ymir.

Last Saturday the dead body of J. N. Bovee, a civil war veteran, who hanged himself in the woodshed of his home at Portage, Wash., was found.

Bellingham was entirely without water the first of the week, caused by the bursting of the big 30 inch main near the source of supply, at Lake Whatcom.

Directors of the Spokane Amateur Athletic association have decided that the new club building would be formally opened to the members and their friends June 30.

The Stevens county Pioneer association has secured S. C. Hyde of Spokane to deliver the first annual address to the association at its annual picnic in Coeville, June 30.

Judge Chadwick refused a change of venue from Whitman county for the trial of J. E. Brown, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, for shooting T. J. Turnbow.

Frank Baker, aged 50, and whose previous residence is unknown, fell from a moving street car at Bellingham and sustained a fracture of the spinal cord, which resulted in his death.

Plans for the new grandstand at the race track in the fair grounds at Spokane have been prepared. They provide for a building 153 feet long, 48 feet wide and 52 feet high that will seat 3,000 people.

The state college cadets held their annual competitive drill before 300 people on the college campus. D company, with Captain Clare C. Todd commanding, won the silver cup for the best drilled company.

The Interior Warehouse company's big grain warehouse at Diamond, nine miles west of Colfax, burned recently. Loss \$5,000, with \$2,000 insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from a spark from the O. R. & N. passenger train.

The 22d annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Washington and Alaska, will be held at Bellingham June 21, 22 and 23. The convention of the Women's Relief corps will be held on June 21.

The Spokane Interstate fair management announces that no vaudeville night show will be given down town during the fair this year. Instead fireworks displays will be given every night at the fair grounds.

OREGON ITEMS.

Astoria is talking of a new \$25,000 city hall.

Practically all the remaining wool of Umatilla county was disposed of. Athena will have an old fashioned Fourth of July celebration this year.

Postmaster Bancroft of Portland has sent his resignation to Senator Mitchell.

A new townsite is to be located at Foster, three miles below Echo on the Umatilla river, by H. N. Stanfield. Thomas M. Lavin, proprietor of the Gem saloon at Sumpter, shot himself in the head, dying instantly. He was crazed with drink and had lost his wife's esteem. This is the supposed cause.

The course of study of the Oregon state normal school at Monmouth has been increased from three years to four.

After being a saloon town since its incorporation, Freewater will now be liquorless, since the carrying of the local option law in Oregon.

Construction on the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad will begin in a few days. The road will be continued from Tipton toward Prairie City and the John Day country.

IDAHO ITEMS.

Elmer Taylor of Clarkston was drowned in the Snake river recently. Taylor was 18 years old.

The president's reception at the University of Idaho at Moscow was the society event of the season.

J. T. Carroll, manager of the Coeur d'Alene Lumber company, will soon start the company's mill again at Coeur d'Alene. The labor trouble which came up April 26 has been settled.

The pioneers' reunion and two days' picnic on the grounds five miles north-east of Moscow was a great success.

Teddy Dellen, son of Christian Dellen and wife, of Custer, Idaho, was drowned recently while crossing Middle Fork, about sixty miles from Salmon.

After a silence of many months, the rattling of chips and money on the green cloth is again heard in Coeur d'Alene towns.

As Harry Manning of Hope, was going home, walking on the new grade, he was struck by an engine and instantly killed. He did not pay any attention to the engine's whistle.

Harvey Rentzaw, postmaster at Clarkia, met his death by falling while crossing Marble creek on a log. The creek is swollen bank full and is full of boulders. Every effort was made to save the drowning man.

Two hundred visitors attended the meetings of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Idaho, which were held in Wardner June 13, 14 and 15, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias lodges of the Coeur d'Alene.

A runaway gravel train was wrecked at Spalding last Saturday. The 80 foot truss bridge across Lapwai creek was completely demolished and four cars loaded with gravel were reduced to splinters. The wreck was a serious one, although no one was badly injured.

A riot caused by discussing Cripple Creek affairs occurred on the Northern Pacific passenger train near Burke Saturday night between two union miners from the Hercules mine and nonunion men from the properties of the Federal Mining & Smelting company. Clubs, coal, shovels, rocks and other missiles were hurled by the fighters, and although combatants on either side were badly bruised and cut, none were seriously injured.

The United States assay office has completed the task of computing the mineral output of Idaho for the year 1903. It shows the total production to be \$20,451,933, an increase of more than \$5,000,000 over the previous year. Shoshone county is the leading producer in the state, the total value of all the metals for the year having been \$7,235,222. A large majority of the silver produced was from lead ore, the output of the Coeur d'Alenes ranking in this class.

MONTANA NOTES.

The new opera house of Miles City was formally opened last evening.

The prospects for racing this season at the Bozeman fair grounds track are excellent.

Graduates of the State School of Mines have organized an alumni association.

Ray Pike, a man engaged in wood hauling, committed suicide in his cabin in Pattee Canyon last week.

At Havre a trades and labor council has perfected organization. Representatives from nine different unions were present.

Sheriff Savage has returned from Glendive, where he captured William Miner, one of the men who escaped from jail at Billings.

Two masked men at the point of a gun held up the saloon of Kammontra brothers at Butte and secured \$62.50 for their enterprise.

William Mix of Missoula, 75 years of age, was thrown from his buggy recently and received fatal injuries as the result of a run-away for which an automobile is responsible.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Sweet Grass county fair association, the dates of holding the fair were fixed for September 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Excursion Steamer Burned.

2000 People Aboard.

New York, June 16.—Five hundred persons, mostly children, have perished by the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum, near Hellgate in the East river.

The General Slocum, with the annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of this city, on board, was proceeding up the river to one of the many resorts of Long Island sound.

When near One Hundred Twenty-fifth street, persons on shore saw smoke and flames spring from the upper part of the crowded steamer.

A panic ensued on the boat almost immediately. The crowds on the forward deck began to spring over board or to crowd to the after part of the boat.

The screams of the terrified passengers could be heard on shore and hundreds of small boats immediately put off to the rescue.

Owing to the rocks on each side of the channel at this point, it had been impossible to beach the vessel.

The captain stuck to his post at the wheel and headed the vessel straight up the river to North Brothers island, where she was put aground in shallow water. Several hundred feet of open water still lay between the burning steamer and the shore and many persons perished either in the water or on the burning vessel, after she had been beached.

It was estimated that the steamer carried more than 2000 persons.

GROCER'S MISTAKE.

Put Gasoline in Vinegar Jug—Fatal Explosion.

Kansas City.—A mistake of a grocer in filling a customer's jug with gasoline when vinegar was asked for resulted in an explosion at the home of Antone Schoen in this city, which caused the death of one person and the injury to three others.

The dead: Mrs. Barbara Schoen, aged 62 years. Injured: Helen Schoen, aged 4 years, burned on right side; Antone Schoen and Charles Schoen, hands severely burned.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Lieutenant Colonel P. Edgerton, professor of mathematics in the military academy at West Point is at the point of death with an affection of the heart. All of the functions with the graduating exercises will be canceled.

William F. Durand, professor of marine engineering in Sibley college of Cornell university has tendered his resignation to accept the directorship of the college of mechanical engineering at Stanford university, California.

The new freight rate schedule has been finished for Spokane and it is understood, is quite favorable to Spokane.

An agreement has been reached and articles signed for a six round boxing match between Robert Fitzsimmons and Jack O'Brien. The bout will be held in the open air in Philadelphia tall park. The men will weigh in at 165 pounds.

Tangier, Morocco, June 14.—A courier from Raisuli, the bandit chief, who kidnaped Messrs. Pedicaris and Varley, arrived here during the night. The United States consul, General Gummere and the British ambassador visited Mohammed El Torres, the representative of the sultan of Morocco, to discuss the contents of Raisuli's message.

The distance of Raisuli's headquarters makes the negotiations drag. It is now thought possible that the captives will not be released this week.

A Million Dollar Verdict.

New York, June 14.—A verdict for \$1,000,000, with interest for one year and 11 months, making a total of \$1,100,000, was returned by a jury before Justice Spencer of the supreme court in Brooklyn today in the suit of Morris Menges against General Louis Fitzgerald for services rendered in bringing about the sale of the Western Maryland railroad to a syndicate.

Work Stops on Big Steel Plant.

Pottsville, Pa.—A general suspension of work at the Eastern Steel company's plant here, on which more than \$6,000,000 has been expended, has been ordered. A meeting of the stockholders has been called to increase the capital stock to \$9,250,000.

An old gentleman in Australia broke off the engagement between his daughter and a young man because the young man lead the thirteenth trump at whist.