

# MINES AND MINING NEWS

## SNOW RETARDS ACTIVE WORK IN SOME PLACES.

Items of Interest of a Miscellaneous Nature Gathered During the Past Week—New Districts Brought to the Front—Many Mining Accidents and Personals.

Electricity, generated 30 miles away, has been turned on in the shaft of the Consolidated California & Virginia mine and the great pumps which are to unwater the Comstock lode down to the lowest depths were started on their work. These great machines will run without cessation until all the accumulated water has disappeared. The abandoned drifts, which have been submerged for more than six years, will again be accessible to the miners.

The hydraulic elevator, which was installed two years ago, has been able to handle the flood as far down as the 2150 foot level, but to rely upon this method for a greater depth was found to be scientifically impossible.

Three duplex double acting pumps have recently been installed, each having a capacity of 1500 gallons a minute. It is expected that an extensive body of ore will be reached at the lower depths. The installation of electric power was followed by a public reception.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

H. N. Galer, business manager for the Granby smelter of Grand Forks, says that if settlement of the coke troubles at the Crow's Nest colliery is not reached soon the smelting and mines operated by the Granby people will be closed down, and will not be reopened until definite assurance is given of an uninterrupted supply of coke.

If certain plans which the Rossland-Kootenay Mining company has under advisement are carried through, the Kootenays may have a new departure in mining. William Thompson, general manager of the company has returned from a trip to Denver, where he examined the Poble-Croasdale method of treating ores by volatilization and precipitation.

A report was circulated recently that ore had been discovered on the 1050 foot level of the Le Roi mine, and considerable excitement was created, as this is the deepest workings on which payable ore has yet been found. S. F. Parrish, general manager, stated that the report was correct; that the face of the drift on the 1050 foot level was in ore. He pointed out that it was yet too early to bank on the discovery, as no time had elapsed for exploration. He said that if the discovery proved permanent it would have an important bearing on the future of the mine and camp.

H. G. Seaman, a member of the conciliation committee, in connection with the strike at the Crow's Nest Coal company's collieries, says:

"The settlement has been completed. An effective majority of 56 has been secured in favor of the terms arrived at by the conciliation committee. The details of the vote are as follows:

"For settlement—At Fernie, 35, Michel 139, Morrissey 62. Against settlement—At Fernie 136, Michel 15; Morrissey 28.

"The agreement thus ratified by the miners covers a period of two years."

### MINING NOTES.

The mining outlook of the old camp of Pierce, Idaho, is brighter this spring than it has been since the palmy days of the 60s.

The Belmont Mining company has made arrangements to resume operations on its property, located north of Osburn, Idaho.

H. L. Frank and associates, of Butte, have made a rich strike in their King mine in the Silver Star district, Montana. Gold ore was uncovered that assays as high as \$90.

The property contains the eastern extension of the Hercules lead for 6900 feet. It was located two years ago, but not until a year ago was extensive development started.

The mining industry of today is conducted on a much larger scale than in the past, and a rich strike in an individual mine attracts less attention from the general public.

The General Pettit mine, located near Atlantic City, Idaho, has been purchased by Edward Holter, of Helena, Mont., for a price said to be \$130,000. This is considered one of the best mines in the state.

Since the recent strike of eight feet of good concentrating galena on the Tarbox, three miles from Saltese, Mont., the owners have taken steps to make their property a producing one at the earliest date possible.

February dividends from companies operating in the mining field were quite satisfactory. They show an improvement over the five months past, even though a less number of companies reported. Some 38 companies reported dividends amounting to \$13,190,930.

H. M. Williams, promoter of the new Panhandle smelter built at Sandpoint, Idaho, announces that ground will be broken in 10 days and that by September 1 the plant will be in operation and that it would be running sooner if it were not impossible to have orders for electrical machinery promptly filled.

A. G. Staten has discovered a rich anthracite coal mine about 10 miles south of Havre, Mont. The vein stands vertical and is four feet thick and runs into one of the highest mountain peaks in the chain of Bear Paw mountains. A specimen sent to a laboratory was pronounced a superior grade of anthracite.

The strike of the employees of the Elbow Ridge mine, at Joliet, Mont., has been settled on a mutually satisfactory basis. The men agree to forego the desired weighing of the coal at the tippie before it is placed in cars and the company granted the short ton, agreeing to pay 90 cents for 2000 pounds of coal mined.

The Ajax Mining company, operating a group of 13 claims immediately joining the famous Hercules, near Wallace, Idaho, on the east, is developing the property with satisfactory results. The lower tunnel is in 250 feet, half way to the lead, which should be reached in August. Six men are working two shifts.

William Loughrey of Bridger, Mont., and J. N. Pew, of Cooke City, tell a story of the discovery of a marvelously rich gold mine within 20 miles of Red Lodge. They refuse to disclose the scene of their find, but back their statements with samples of quartz seamed with wire gold and tiny nuggets. Loughrey and Pew also claim to have rock which will assay \$15,000 to the ton.

The curious statement is made that all advances in lead prices are intended to benefit mine-owners and stimulate production, in which event the Guggenheim Exploration company, not the smelting trust, would benefit mostly, although the trust officials recently tried to boost the stock on higher metal price. The same men control both companies.

All the machinery for the Sumpter (Ore.) smelter has been received, and is now being rapidly put in place and should be running in a few weeks. The smelter company is now purchasing bullion, and it is expected will soon be in the market for smelting ores. The lime quarry has been opened up. A reservoir, to be located on the hill just above the smelter, will also be finished in a short time.

Since the Amador Copper Mining company, operating a good property near Iron Mountain, Idaho, has been dragged into the courts through the assistant secretary and treasurer, E. L. Proebsting, being arrested on the charge of refusing to allow some of the stockholders to examine the books of the company, it is said the deal for the property putting it in control of Chicago men, has been declared off.

Quartz mining has passed the experimental stage in the Pierce, Idaho, section and there are as fine showings in that camp as anywhere on the coast, among them being the Wild Rose, the Dewey, the Stars and Stripes and the Crescent, on Clear creek, 3 1/2 miles from town, all of which have enough development to demonstrate that they are mines, and good ones. Then the Santiago and the Fleetwood group on Osborne gulch, four miles from town, are producers, having shipped several thousand dollars in bullion last year, and will double their output this year. The Ozark and Gold Dollar and the Orion groups of claims are about one and a half miles from Pierce. All have good bullion shipments to their credit last year and are working good crews developing this winter.

### Montana Mines.

A bar of gold weighing 65 1/2 pounds and valued at \$18,557.52 has been received at the United States assay office at Helena from the Atlantic-Cable mine in the Georgetown district. It is claimed to be the largest and best bar of gold bullion ever produced in Montana, and was the result of milling 450 tons of ore. The property is under lease by the Bacorn brothers of Butte.

A bar of gold weighing 125 ounces and valued at about \$2200 has been received at the federal assay office from the Montana Gold Mining company, operating some recently discovered claims in Jefferson county.

The New World Mining & Development company has been incorporated by B. B. Kelly, David Boyd and others. The company owns several claims in the New World district, where the recent rich discoveries were made. The capital is \$120,000, of which \$82,500 has been subscribed.

Former sheriff Hughes has returned from the Big Hole district, in Beaverhead county, with reports of a phenomenally rich gold strike in the Dark Horse mine. He brought with him about 15 pounds of specimens which fairly sparkle with free gold. It is claimed that the samples, which came from a 10 inch streak and form a fair average, will run \$1000 to the ton in gold.

Tom Landers is in from the Ajax mine at the head of Big Swamp creek, in the Big Hole basin, with two bars of gold worth about \$2500, the result of the spring cleanup.

# YOUNG CORBETT'S VICTORY

## HE WHIPPED TERRY M'GOVERN IN ELEVEN ROUNDS.

The Fight at San Francisco Tuesday Night Was Fast and Furious All Through—Corbett Fought Like a Machine—Excitement Was Intense at Ringside.

Mechanics Pavilion, San Francisco, April 2.—William Rothwell, better known as "Young Corbett," of Denver, Col., showed decisively that his victory over Terry McGovern of Brooklyn at Hartford a year ago last Thanksgiving was no fluke, by defeating McGovern in the 11th round after a fight in which there was not a second of idleness for either man. In nearly every round Corbett, fighting like a machine, never overlooking an opportunity to send home his blows, had a shade the better of the argument, and when, finally, in the 11th round, he got the Brooklyn terror into a neutral corner he punished him so badly that the latter sank to the floor a badly defeated man. Corbett put McGovern down in the first round for a count of seven and repeated it in the second.

There was some question as to whether or not McGovern was down at the count of 10, and for a few minutes it looked as if there would be a free for all fight. McGovern tried to get up, tried hard, and was on his feet an instant after the timekeeper counted him out. George Harding, the club timekeeper, who counted McGovern out, stated after the fight that the blows that knocked McGovern out were left and right swings on the jaw and a right uppercut on the chin. Harding said McGovern was in a dazed condition; that when he had counted nine he motioned to him to get up, but McGovern was too confused to notice, and was unable to do so. At the count of 10 McGovern started to rise, but it was too late, and the referee awarded the fight to Young Corbett. Harding said that McGovern was completely out and that it was a mercy to him that he was unable to get up. Corbett was strong and ready, and had McGovern risen to his feet he probably would have been seriously hurt. As it was, it was nearly a minute after McGovern had been carried to his corner before he was able to sit up or understand what had happened. The men in McGovern's corner claimed that the decision was an outrage. They said McGovern had been instructed to fight cautiously, and when he was knocked down he was to take the full count, and that McGovern followed his instructions. They claim at the count of 10 he was on his feet, and although dazed, knew what he was doing. They also claimed that he had plenty of fight in him and would have lasted the rest of the round. Referee Graney's decision seemed to meet with the approval of most of the spectators, as McGovern was apparently thoroughly beaten.

"It was my own way of winning the fight," said Young Corbett after the fight. "I fought cautiously in every round and felt McGovern weakening toward the end of the contest. I caught him with a left on the jaw and sent him back against the ropes. He dropped his hands to his side, which was a sure signal to me that I had won the contest. I went for him, put rights and left to head and jaw, and was forced to fight myself free in the clinch. The final blow was a right uppercut to the jaw that put McGovern to the floor for the full count."

"It was the greatest robbery in the history of the prize ring," said McGovern. "I had Corbett beaten from start to finish. I landed on him when and where I pleased and surely would have had him out within a few rounds."

### Willis Sweet Honored.

Washington, April 2.—Senator Heyburn recently had a conference with the president on invitation of the latter relative to the appointment of an attorney general of Porto Rico. Senator Heyburn was somewhat surprised when the president asked him to name a candidate for this office, but he was ready with a man well fitted for the place and urged the name of Willis Sweet, former congressman from Idaho. Sweet was at one time on the federal bench in the territory and United States district attorney. He is believed to be well qualified for the position, and there is scarcely a doubt that the president will tender him the place.

### Wheat Warehouses Burn.

Pendleton, Ore., April 1.—Three large new wheat warehouses at Cayuse, 12 miles east of here, burned recently, involving a loss slightly over \$20,000 to buildings of wheat and 8000 bushels of barley were consumed. The buildings and grain were well insured.

In Japan 500 out of about 1200 locomotives in use are American.

### WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The tie-up of the street car service at Seattle is complete.

Walla Walla high school recently defeated Huntsville academy in debate.

The Spokane County Teachers' institute meets in Spokane Monday, April 6.

The townsites of Moscow has been sold by Sheridan Long to John O'Connor, a Spokane capitalist.

The Spokane Pioneers' society has engaged Elks' hall for their annual meeting, Tuesday, April 7.

Rufe Turner had a walkaway in his fight with Jimmy Reilly at Tacoma last week, which lasted six rounds.

Admiral W. S. Schley and Colonel A. K. McClue, with their party, visited Spokane for a couple of hours on the evening of the first of April.

Gambling trouble prompted Charles E. Riley, a young traveling salesman from Kansas City, to take his life by bleeding at Spokane recently.

About 50 of the leading dairymen of East Kittitas have formed a co-operative creamery with a capital stock of \$3000. They will put in a modern plant.

Hastie & Dougan, contractors of Spokane, have been awarded contracts for an apartment house in Seattle and 15 buildings for the government at Ft. Worden.

A carload of black bass will shortly be forwarded to this state, the expense of which will be borne entirely by the fish commission, with a half rate concession by the Northern Pacific railway.

Northwestern university, the largest Methodist university, in Chicago, has placed the Spokane high school on the accredited list, which will permit graduates from the high school to enter the university without examination.

The Spokane master builders' association has made a proposition to the trades council and the building trades unions for the appointment of a conference committee to arrange a wage scale for all trades for two years.

The body of Charles Lee, who was drowned in the river last January while attempting to escape from officers at Spokane who were taking him to prison, was found recently and shipped to Canton, Ohio, the home of his brother.

Charles E. Kloeber, Jr., has assumed the managing editorship of the Tacoma Evening News. Mr. Kloeber has served as foreign correspondent of the Associated Press, and was formerly city and news editor of the Washington, D. C., Times.

The governor has appointed G. J. Hill of North Yakima to succeed T. B. Gunn as member of the state fair commission, and re-appointed J. E. Shannon of North Yakima to succeed himself on the same commission. Both are four year terms.

It is regarded now as practically settled that the encampment of the G. A. R. for the department of Washington and Alaska will be held in Spokane on May 25, 26 and 27, covering the period of President Roosevelt's visit on May 26.

Mayor Alexander Robinson, of Clarkston, Wash., died suddenly last Friday, of apoplexy, aged 63 years. Mr. Robinson was a native of Mackinac, Mich., where he grew to manhood. He served throughout the civil war in the Thirteenth regulars.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

At Washington Colonel Edmund C. Bainbridge, United States army, retired, died recently of heart trouble and complications of old age.

Thomas Drislane, one of the wealthiest stockmen in the state of Oregon, died recently of heart disease.

President Roosevelt viewed the scenery around the famous horseshoe curve near Pittsburg, Pa., from a seat in the cab of a locomotive attached to his special train, and after a ride of about 50 miles expressed himself as delighted with his experience.

Hired help is reported scarce in much of eastern Oregon and south of Snake river, in eastern Washington, this spring.

Grover Cleveland says the extent of his western trip will be only as far as St. Louis.

A serious land slip occurred recently within a hundred yards of the business center of Rossland, B. C. A section of Le Roi avenue west of the intersection of Washington street and overlooking the Canadian Pacific track, slid some feet, bucking the railroad tracks and damaging Washington street viaduct hopelessly.

John Roberts, or Robertson, was shot twice through the abdomen by Deputy Sheriff Nave at Wallula, Wash. It is believed the wounded man will die. Roberts was walking down the railroad track at Wallula. Deputy Sheriff Nave was approaching in the opposite direction. Roberts thought Nave was a highwayman and opened fire with his revolver. Nave returned the fire, twice hitting Roberts.

### Purchase of Silver.

Washington, April 1.—The secretary of the treasury has purchased for account of the Philippine coinage 350,000 ounces of silver at an average of 49.8 cents an ounce. The silver is to be delivered in equal parts to the mints in Philadelphia and San Francisco.

# GREENVILLE, MISS., FLOODED

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Relief Parties With Boats Are at Work—Waters Cover Thousands of Acres of Land—Loss Will Be Heavy—Great Excitement Around Natchez and Vicksburg.

Greenville, Miss., March 30.—The backwater from La Grande crevasse is rising slowly and nearly all of the city is submerged. Business is paralyzed and people in the southern section of the city are moving about in skiffs. The rise in the last 24 hours has been two inches. The reports sent out from here that the city is in danger of destruction are highly exaggerated. The facts do not warrant such statements, while rumors of great loss of life are absolutely without foundation, so far as is known. Relief parties with boats have been at work rescuing people in the path of the flood and the refugees are brought here.

It was said that the mayor had instructed the city engineer to cut the protection levee in the northern part of the city, as it is believed it will be the means of letting the water out through Fish lake. The country beyond the lake is much lower than the city and if the levee is cut it will stop the rise in Greenville and carry off much of the water now in the city. The shutdown of the electric light plant is a serious inconvenience to the people and lanterns in skiffs may be seen throughout the town at night.

The flood situation outside of Greenville remains practically unchanged. The waters have covered thousands of acres of the fine delta farms and is sweeping south of Vicksburg. The loss will be heavy, but it is impossible to give anything like a correct estimate of the damage wrought by the flood.

### At Yazoo City.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 30.—The flood situation in this immediate section is unchanged, but Yazoo City is beginning to feel the effects of the water from La Grange crevasse. The back water is rising at the rate of two inches a day and the eastern portion of the town is partly submerged.

### Hundreds of Sightseers.

Natchez, Miss., March 30.—The report that the Aronolia levee, two miles below Vidalia, La., was in imminent danger of breaking, attracted hundreds of sightseers from Natchez Sunday. The water was seeping through and 50 men were put to work to save the levee. It is confidently believed that the levee will hold.

A message from Clayton Station, La., says that the Tensas river is rising rapidly and that the back levee is under water. The canal at that place will be closed.

### Rosebery's Daughter Weds.

The earl of Rosebery's eldest daughter, Lady Sybil, was married at Epsom to Lieutenant C. J. C. Grant of the Coldstream Guards, son of Lieutenant General Sir Robert Grant. The wedding was quiet, only near relatives and intimate friends of the families being present.

The display of presents has rarely been equaled. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family sent diamond bracelets or brooches. Lord Rosebery's gift amounted to a large fortune in diamonds and pearl tiaras, necklaces, bracelets, etc. The Rothschilds and others sent the bride numerous costly jewels.

### Dan McCauley Shot Three.

Seattle, Wash., April 3.—Dan McCauley, crazed by tenderloin whisky, attacked a crowd of men in the O. K. saloon at an early hour this morning with a revolver. James Clark and William McLaughlin were mortally wounded by shots from McCauley's gun, and an unknown man received a serious wound from a third shot. McCauley was shot twice by Patrolman Griffith in attempting to escape from the saloon, and may not recover. No other cause than bad whisky is assigned for McCauley's outbreak.

### Praying for Rain.

Cumberland, Md., March 31.—A fire has been raging for some days on Mount Pisgan in Clay county, West Virginia, and assuming such a threatening nature that the people in that locality are praying for rain. The village of Clay is reported to be in momentary danger of destruction.

### Fatal Athletic Work.

Louisville, Ky., March 31.—R. D. Ladrige, a member of the track team of the University of Indiana, was accidentally killed here on the high school athletic grounds, being struck on the head by a 12 pound hammer thrown by J. R. Horn, the University of Indiana coach.

Hope deferred gives the letter carrier importance.