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THE LEAD IN PLACE.

On The Lucky Jack of Poplar Two Feet Of Rich White Quartz.

The Formation Is Now Solid, An The Faulty Ground is Passed

Barkley Crilly, assistant manager of The Great Northern Mines, Ltd., re-turned to Ferguson on Friday from Poplar. He reports the best piece of Poplar. He reports the best piece of information concerning the Lucky Jack that we have yet heard. This is that the tunnel which extends for over 200 feet has got well under the mountain, and every foot that is now driven gains about five feet in depth. For the first 175 feet, the tunnel was driven under a low slope of the mountain, and scarcely any depth was gained, but now it is different, and from this time the property is a good tunnelling proposition. Soon sa the tunnel got vertically Soon as the tunnel got vertically under the steep mountain, the broken faulty formation gave place to the solid, so now everything is plain sailing, with so now everything is plant sating.

a fine lead of quartz sprinkled with galena and impregnated with coarse particles of gold, clearly visible to the naked eye

The vein is getting richer as depth is attained, quite contrary to expectations, for even the purchasers did not hope that the high values would be found to be widely diffused throughout the claim. Many who saw the exceptional richness at the surface, predicted that when a few feet of depth was gained the coars gold would disappear. Of course, no man can see under the ground, and the conditions of one locality cannot be de pended upon to occur in another place. Even adjoining properties in the same camp have been found to be totally diffcamp have been found to be totally din-erent, so, while an experienced man's opinion is often valuable, yet such an opinion is always problematical Con-ditions found in a particular district usually appear very similar in all the claims therein, and when one is opened claims therein, and when one is opened up it is generally good oridence of what may be expected in others; but each claim is independent of the others, and if one would know, he must dig. The parchasers of the Lucky Jack es-

timated that there was sufficient of the phenomenally rich ore in sight on the surface to justify the high figure paid surface to justify the high figure paid for the property, and the chances were good that the valuable rock would go deep enough to return a handsome profit on the investment, after paying development expenses and the cost of putting in the necessary machinery. The property has been worked steadily, and considerable depth has been reached, showing a large quantity of rich ore. While the gold does not occur in chunks at it did in places at the surface, yet the gold is there in quantity, but much more evenly disseminated through the lead matter.

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The English people are clearly in sympathy with Japan in the now almost inevitable war, with Rassia. A press despatch says:—The party of marine engineers from the Clyde district, engaged by the Japanese government, sailed for Japan yesterday via St. John, New Brunswick. Another draft of Scotch engineers lett Govan quietly and unexpectedly for Japan a week ago. A detachment of 120 British naval pensioners and nayal reserve men and 10 British officers started for Gonoa, Italy, today, to assist in the navigation of the Japanese warships, Kasaga and Niasin, purchased of the Argantine republic. The railroad station was prowded with sightseers, who manifested the greatest enthusiasm. enthusiasm. There were repeated cheers for "gallant little Japan."

The New Year

are of the brightest for the mining in-dustry. The preparations of the past twelve months augur increased activi-ty in all branches, and that the producion will be greater in 1904 than in the year just closed, there is no question whatever. The labor troubles which characterized a few sections are happily settled, and the full quota of mining men reported for work, while the nummen reported for work, while the num-ber of new properties to enter the ship-ping list is greater than ever before, which assures a year of the greatest prosperity. The year just passed has en one of great development, and st ore bodies have been blocked out, while heavier plants of machinery have been installed, and more modern reduc-tion plants have been erected to handle the products of all the mines of the West. The new equipment of mines and reduction plants are with a view to the greatest possible economy, and hence, of profit to the operators. In the line of gold production, the outlook was never better for an increase. The renever better for an increase. The re-cent rise in the price of silver gives evi-dence of permanence, and therefore heavier production, and the opening of properties which have found it imposs-ible to operate under the conditions that obtained during the past ten years. The shortage of the supply of copper coupled with the fact that the demand is greater than the supply, insures an increased production of the red metal at the present, if not a higher price The same is true of iron, while the zind industryls yet in its infancy, for where as that metal was a detriment to miner a few years back, it is now turned to the profit side of the ledger, and the production is increasing with the great er demand.—Ores and Metals.

Saved By Being Late

Messrs. Harry Wright, M.P.P., E. A. Fraser, M.P.P., and Hon. R. F. Green, M.P,P. arrived at Victoria on Saturday to attendato their legislative duties. Grave fears were entertained lest these gentlemen were drowned from the unfortunate ferry steamer Clallam. It seems they arrived at Seattle one halfshour too late to catch the ill-fated steamer on Friday, otherwise some of them would most probably have been numbered among the unfortunates who were drowned. It was well for once to have been late.

Drilled Into Missed Hole.

At Rossland, B. C., on the 11th inst. an unfortunate fatality occurred at the War Eagle mine. Frank Goddo, an Ital-san miner, being killed, and Charles McPhee probably fatally injured.

The men were working in the 500 foot west drift with a machine drill, when they drilled into a missed hole. An explosion followed. Goddo was instantly filled by a small piece of rock which the state of the state o sank into his brain between the eyes sank into his brain between the eyes, and suffered other injuries which are expected to cause death. The accident was purely inadvertent, and an inquest was not deemed necessary.

Stole Daughter's Fortune

Robbed of nearly \$150,000, as it is alleged, Carla Irene Laing of Chicago has been induced to go to Toledo, Ohio, and sign a document releasing her fa-ther from all responsibility for his acts while her guardian. Former governor John M. Hamilton has produced evidence to this effect in the Probate Court, where, as Miss Laing's attarney he had begun suit to secure an account

no had begun sint to sective as accounting from her father.

The guardian is alleged to have kept his daughter in ignorance of the fact that she was helroes to \$150,000. She accidentally discovered the facts a few weeks ago, when twenty-seven years old, but the fortune is declared to have

NEWS OF prospects for the coming year

Elicited Through The Medium Our Pachanges For The Past Week.

Great Many Casualties. The Number of Deaths From Diff-erent Causes, Large.

A terrible shipwreck occurred on the 8th inst. off Port Townsend, the S.S. Clallam having become disabled in crossing the straits to vice about 55 passengers were the straits to Victoria, and The Clallam is a comparatively new vessel, and is used as a ferry boat bet-ween Scattle, Wash., and Victoria, B. C. On Friday last she left Scattle on schedule time, having on board over 50 passengers. She reached Port Townsend safely and had started for Victoria, being one hour out and facing a fierce gale, when her rudder gave way, fierce gale, when her rudger gave way, and she was unable to stand up against the terrific gale. The captain and crew did everything in their power to save the vessel, but without avail, and she was like a plaything at the mercy of the elements. The vessel's plight was seen from Victoria, and every possible effort was made to render her assistance, but the tugs were too late in reaching the ship, for she was too far gone to stand being towed to a place of known in the Kootenays were among the drowned. People in Victoria who had loved ones aboard the ill-fated vessel watched the terrible battle with the elements, but could do nothing.

Canada Growing.

The following is what Bradstreet's has to say of the progress and development of Canada in 1903 :

anada has completed the most suc cessful year in her history. Trade from the first day of 1903 to the last day of the year has been as steady and uninterrupted as it has been unprecedented The increase in the foreign commerce of the country and the pansion in its internal trade are equally striking. Sales of domestic and imported goods of all description have increased enormously. Not only has the value of business increased, but profits have been generally better than in previous years. The insolvency record has comparatively light, considering the increase in general business, and the smaller number of bankrupt stock offering in the markets helped to keep manufacturing and mercantile trade in manuacturing and instantial or action as sound, healthy condition, while the fact that the consumption in many staple lines of manufacture has overtaken pic lines of manufacture has overtaked, productive capacity, has, by preventing overproduction, contributed handsomely to the same end. The material wealth of the country has been largely added to, as shown by the increase in the public deposits in the banks, and financial institutions, by the extension in old lines of business and th tension in old lines of business and the establishment of new concerns, the large investments made in industries connected with the development of the vast natural resources of the Dominion, and lastly, by the addition to the population of the country of 125,000 to 150,000 first-class settlers.

Being Investigated.

An investigation is in progress into the cause of the unusual loss of life at the Iroquis theatre. Much evidence has been adduced of rather a startling nature. It has been discovered that many exits were closed and botted when the fire took place, and further that the employees of the theatre never received any instruction as to how to proceed in case of fire. This is believed to show criminal liability on the part of the management, and there is little doubt they will be made to suffer for their negligence. An investigation is in progress into

A Splendid Number

The B. C. Mining Exchange and Investor's Guide, published at Vancou-ver, is rapidly gaining a foremost place in this province. The Christmas edit ion was a particularly interesting and nicely prepared number. The articles are well written and the illustrations are good.

As A Solvent.

Zinc-potassium cyanide is an excellent solvent for gold and silver in the presence of lime or other alkali. Its presence in the mill solution is more advantageous than harmful. A mill solution should, however, contain at least 1 pound of lime in solution to every 0.5 pound of zinc. In order to be sure that the requisite amount of lime is present, the mill solution should be tirated with and without the addition of lime water, and if any difference be observed, lime should be added until a constant reading is obtained .- Pacific Coast miner.

To Renew Hostilities

With the re-assembling of the British Columbia Legislature, the opposition may be expected to renew their hostility toward the McBride government. At any rate, members of the opposition have been quite free in asserting that they will do their utmost to embarrass the government by attack at every available point. The avowed excuse for the liberal members' antipathy is the obnoxious, to their minds, assess-ment act which was passed before the recess. They claim, and it is claimed also by many newspapers throughout the country, that the tax will entail much hardship among the rank and file of the taxpayers, and that it is a most iniquitous piece of legislation. In this article we have not the space or time to enter into a minute criticism of its merits or demerits, but will say that more money had to be obtained from somewhere to meet necessary current expenses, and to make good a deficiency which was created through no fault of the present administration

The Father of Ferguson.

David Ferguson, original locator of this town, and still part owner, who vinter at Victoria with his brother Andrew, has mysteriously disappeared. His brother has offered the unusually high reward of \$1,000 for information of his whereabouts, dead or alive. There have been several persons spirited away from Victoria and Vancouver during the past twelve months, and during the past tweive months, and Mr. Ferguson, having been known to always have plenty of money, may have been treacherously deals with. We trust however, that the fears may prove groundless.

"Dave" Ferguson was distinctly a pioneer of the Lardeau, and as such ac quired a large number of mining inter ests, besides the townsite that bears his name. The Triune mine belonged to he and his brothers, and was sold by he and his brothers, and was solut by them for \$100,000, and they still own other good property. The value of Dave's personal property would be over \$100,000. He was always a splendid money maker; anything that he rouched seemed to prosper, it is said, in Fer-

It is believed that Dave never kne an enemy. He was kind and free with everybody, and consequently was wide-ly known and well liked.

May Make It Regular.

Rev. A. K. Sharp, Methodist minis ter, went to Five Mile today to hold a service for the benefit of the men. He thinks of making this a regular ap-

DIPLOMACY STILL WORKING.

A Desire Shown On The Part Of Tuzzie For Peace. Con-cessions Made.

Japan Is Getting The Better Of The Negotiations. War Is Yet Uncertain.

A despatch from Pavis dated Jan. 8. through the associated press, says it is learned that in the opinion of the French government, there is still a chance of avoiding a conflict between Russia and Japan, as a result of a concession made by Russia in her last note. The despatches which have come to Paris from all quarters today have been most pessimistic, and the hopefulness of the government is in strong contrast with the general opinion of the slight chance of avoiding a conflict.

It appears that Russia's concession relates to the preponderance of the interests of Japan in Korea. This has been the crux of the question between the two Powers up to the present momoment. Just how far the concession goes it is impossible to learn, but in its effect in Tokio, according to the information obtained, it has been more satisfactory than the press despatches show, and it is believed negotiations will continue

In connection with Russia's conces-sion, a curious and at the same time authoritative story is told regarding the cause of the development of the present situation. It appears that a misunderstanding occurred between viceroy Alexieff and the Russian gov-ernment, and that the note antedating the one just submitted did not contain the recognition of Japanese preponder-ating influence in any part of Korea, as Russia and the whole world believed. The latest note of Russia clears up the situation, but whether it recognizes Japan's preponderating interests in all Korea is not known now.

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ensational reports to the effect that it sensational reports to the effect that it has ordered a division of warships and troops to China. Only one French ship is under instructions to proceed to the far East.

Recognizing the situation as danger-Recognizing the situation as danger-ous, there is talk in official and diplo-matic circles of the advisability of a separate or joint mediation by the powers who desire peace in the far East. It is said that this could proper-ly be done in accordance with The Hague Convention, without giving off-Hague Convention, without giving off-onse either to Russia or Japan. The semi-official Temps expresses the view prevailing by calling attention to the fact that Great Britain, France, the United States, and Germany, are all in-United States, and Germany, areast in-terested in the maintenance of peace, urging that to prevent efforts at friend-ly intervention, by saying that one power or the other would become of-fended, is contrary to the interests of the governments, and of humanity.

A later dispatch says that M. Daesh-

eer, first secretary of the French em-bassy, in an interview in London said present arrangements between that France and Great Britain were such that it would be impossible to disturb them. He said it was not likely that France would interfere, even if Korea and China joined Japan.

The formation of gold nuggets in pla-ces has been the subject of many theo-ries, but the best evidence is in favor of nuggets being due to disintegration of quartz rather than of their "growth." The subject has been given a great deaf of attention by Australian scientific men, and Liversedge, we believe, by studying the internal structure of nug-gets, effectually disposed of the growth theory. The largest nugget we know of is the "Welcome," found in Austra-illa, and weighing 2,268 ounces,—Mining Reporter. The formation of gold nuggets in pla-

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WHERE'S THE EVIDENCE?

Our leading editorial in the Dec. 25th number of the Eagle, dealing with a new discovery on the Swede agth number of the Lagie, dealing with a new discovery on the Swede group at Poplar, has been made the subject of unjust criticism in the editorial columns of the B. C. Mining Record. The criticism we believe to have been written by Mr. E. Jacobs, who has been selected to administer chatisement to the Eagle because of his familiarity (2) with free gold mining properties elsewhere whose surface showings were enormously rich, and he was therefore in a position to give an authoritative opinion as to whether the leads at Poplar would prove to contain pay ore below the surface or not. Referring to our own article, we feel there was nothing contained therein that was not consistent with fact. Of course we had not seen therein that was not consistent with fact. Of course we had not seen the newly found lead on the Swede property, but we had confidence in the jidgment of the party who had seen it and who gave us our inform-ation, and from subsequent advice we feel that our remarks were instified.

Further, we are in possession of facts, of which Mr. Jacobs is not cognizant. Whose opinion, then, should be the more reliable? Mr. Jacobs has not brought forward one single argument to prove that our statements were in any way ways. single argument to prove that our statements were in any way exaggerated. He merely makes the bald assertion to that effect, and then proceeds to compare the Poplar properties, of which he knows nothing, with properties in other districts, of which his article shows him to possess a very limited knowledge. Mr. Jacobs' hair may have turned grey with the cares of editing a newspaper, but that is no aring a newspaper, but that is no argument. There are no grounds for comparison as between the Lardeau

comparison as between the Lardeau gold belt and any other district, for the Poplar-Camborne belt stands alone, and as far as we know, without a peer in B.C.

Now we would ask this "scribe" of the Mining Record, who seems to be much of an egotist, what he knows about the Poplar claims? Having lived and edited a newspaper in the boundary, we would ask : What does he know about the "Providence" of Greenwood? What lose he know about the "drovidence" of Greenwood? What does he know about the Cariboo and Waterloo in camp McKinney, the Poorman and Athabasca in Nelson camp, and the Wilcox and Golden Cup in Ymir? Does he remember the surface showings on these properties, and are they not successful mining propositions today?

With reference to the Golden Cache, the editor of the Mining Record, Mr. Jacobs, or any one who is familiar with gold quartz should know that the surface showings were very dissimilar, and there never were specimens taken from this property that were at all on a par with those taken from the Lucky Jack. In fact the Golden Cache never had a regular vein, in place, and most likely had the parent veinbeenfound, the mine would have been a rich one today.

Nothing can possibly do a camp more injury than just such ill-advised comments by a journal published in the same province, where one is led to believe that the writer has investigated his subject and knows what he is talking about.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A general election would appear to be near at hand, by indications apparent on every side. The Liber-als are taking great pains to have it reported about that another session of the house, as now constituted, will be held in February. This is thought in most quarters to be but a ruse of the government to catch the opposition napping and spring the opposition napping and spring the election upon the country sud-denly. However, both parties are very active in preparation for an election, and candidates are being chosen for nearly every constituency from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The contest promises to be a warm one, for the tariff question will be threshed out as never before.

The Japanese government are finding it very convenient to purchase large quantities of war supplies in Canada, and particularly of Vancouver and Victoria wholesale merchants. The orders are principally for flower permissions and Vancouver and Victoria wholesale merchants, The orders are principally for flour, army biscuits and canned meats. They are very anxious also to purchase 3,000 hardy Canadian horses. and their buyer is already in this country accompanied by a veterinary surgeon. The chief purchase station will be at Calgary, Alberta. This opens a new channel for the sale of Canadian horses, and we think'it most important for the Canadian northwest.

J. J. Hill lis becoming very much alarmed at the emigration of farmers from the Western United States to the North West Territories. He even goes so far, in the hope of checking the tide of emigration, as to grossly misrepresent conditions that he knows to exist in the Cana-dian west, Mr. Hill is a good man for the country that he lives in, but he is always first for J. J. Hill and the Great Northern system.

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Local and General.

W. Skinner returned Monday from

A dance was held at Trout Lake Wednesday night.

R. T. Bury of Trout Lake was in Ferguson Monday and Tuesday.

The Gold Cup mine of Ymir is again to the front, a new and rich body of ore having been recently found.

The new Trout Lake skating rink sit waiting for "Jack Frost" to enter a partnership for the balance of the

D. W. Bole of Winnipeg has received the nomination of the Liberals to be their candidate in the election for the house of Commons F. J. Dean has disposed of the Kam-loops sentinel to M. S. Wade, who has

had editorial charge of the paper for some months past. The semi-annual meeting of the Ophir-Lade Mining Co., Ltd., will be held in the Criterion hotel, Camborne,

tomorrow afternoon. The Ferguson-Beaton stage make good time coming and going. Mr. Crawford has put on a new and very

comfortable conveyance. The use of steel in mine "timbering" practices is gradually increasing. For use in shafts, angle iron is rivetted to-gether and supports four-inch lagging.

R. Powell of Wilber, Or., aspractical machinist, is in Ferguson. He came to have a look at the Lardeausmining district, and may locate at Camborne or Ferguson.

The last clean-up at the Goldfinch mine of Camborne amounted to \$2,500 of gold from 175 tons of ore. The mill has ten stamps which are driven by electric power.

Lew Thompson was down from the Union Jack on Monday. He says he has encountered a fine lead, and will give fuller particulars when he prospects it more thoroughly.

John W. Pool, a brother of W.B.Pool, arrived in Ferguson on Friday last. He will make a short visit, and also examine the properties belonging to The Great Northern Mines, Limited.

There was an explosion of a disas-trous nature at Michel coal mines on Friday last, by which six coal miners lost their lives, another is missing, and three others are severely injured.

The excellent weather is proving of great advantage to the Silver Cup Mines, Limited, in the work on the reduction works at Five Mille. The winter weather has never been known to be as good for outdoor work.

D. C. Fraser, M.P., of Guysboro, is

elected for a supreme court provincial judgeship. In a farewell speech to his constituents on Friday last, he announced his retirement from politics. He was presented with a gold headed

It is announced that the Le Ro smelter is making a special effort to get custom ores, and has appointed D. C. Johnson ore buyer for the Rossland disict. As a result of their efforts to buy re, it is believed a number of mines hich have been idle for several years vill start up.

The Payne mine in the Slocan is operating two mills, one, a lead concentrator, and the other a magnetic separator. The latter separates the zinc from the iron, making both marketable, and about 700 tons of these metals are shipped per month. The zinc is comparatively a new source of profit.

oil smelting—that is, smelting ores with oil as fuel—is not a new process, as it has long been employed in Russia in a crudo way, yet with much success oil fuel, when properly applied, produces the most intense heat known. It is said that oil contains the largest number of heat units, and from numerous experiments made, it is found that a barrel of this oil, when properly used is sufficient to reduce three tons of ore-

The cams of a stamp mill are designated as right or left hand, according nated as right or left hand, according to which side the hubs may be. On looking at a cam shaft from the feed side of the battery, it will appear to be revolving from one. Observing the cams, those which appear with the hubs on the right hand side are "right-hand;" the left hand cams have the hubs on the left. When a ten-stamp battery has a single cam shaft, it is remail to have all right hand cams on usual to have all right hand cams on one set of five heads and left band cams on the other. This is done in order to equalize the end thrust on the shaft.—

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