

# THE MOUNTAIN

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## WORK BEING DONE

Many Properties Being Developed With Good Results.

## PREPARING FOR A GOOD SEASON

Owners Are Not Waiting For Capital But Are Hard at Work Turning Their Properties Into Shippers—Transportation Facilities In Sight For Next Winter.

**The Silver Cap.**  
L. Dillabem, the new manager of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Goldfields Co., limited, came in Friday and registered at the Windsor. He went up to the Silver Cap the next day, and returned through that heavy rain storm on Sunday morning, having experienced the sensation of seeing three or four snowdrifts come down below and behind him. Mr. Dillabem did not care to give the **EAGLE** the results of the last large ore shipment to the Trail smelter before reporting to the directors in London, but estimated that it was well up to the average, which has been \$150 to the ton. The present staff at the mine will be cut down to six men for the present, but in the course of three months twenty more will be added in vigorous development carried on all summer, in anticipation of the iron horse reaching the foot of the lake this season. Loading and shipping will shortly be discontinued for the present, on account of the broken up snow roads. Asked as to whether the company would establish their present headquarters at this season, Mr. Dillabem said that with the advent of the railway their offices would be removed here, but the location at present was too evident to think of such a change. Mr. Dillabem held by special stage on Sunday afternoon for Thomson's Landing, and he hoped to cross the arm on Monday, as he had urgent business requiring him in Revelstoke. He is to go down again in the course of a month.

**Rob Roy Mines.**  
Leaving Ferguson, and going up the north fork of the Lardere, Circle City is reached, after six miles of travel on the government trail. At this point Surprise creek and Galena creek run into the north fork of the Lardere. On Galena creek, about 1,000 yards from Circle City, are located the Rob Roy, Highland Chief and Sir Charles claims, owned by the Scottish-Canadian Mining and Development Co., limited. These properties are situated in the Horse ledge, which is a ledge of which the great lime dikes go on the north fork, and occur in the contact of the intrusive limestone and the country rock of slate or trap. The main ledge in the prospect is 20 feet wide. The second is less in extent, but carries higher values. Assays from the Rob Roy have gone \$95.00, \$100.00 and \$101.00 in all values of gold, silver and lead, while a smelter test made at the Trail smelter from the same claim gave \$107.17 in all values. An assay made February 13, 1900, gave values of \$112.27. Development is being carried on the Rob Roy by a tunnel and cross-cuts, which give access to three separate leads.

**The Winona.**  
The Winona is a direct extension of the Silver Queen. The Great Northern mine group, about three miles north-west of Ferguson. The Silver Queen is a 91 location, which is 600 feet, and the Winona is a 1500 foot claim located in '96 by J. S. Williams. The Silver Queen ledge runs through it and is a very strong lead carrying good values, about 140 oz. in silver and 50 per cent. lead. Since the recent strike in the Silver Queen, the prospect for the Winona has decided to commence development work next season. In fact a syndicate are now negotiating for a working bond, with a small cash payment down. The prospect for considerable activity on the Great Northern hill in general are very bright for this season.

**The Revenge Group.**  
This group is situated about four miles from the mouth of Sable creek, in the Fish Creek camp, 14 miles from Thomson's Landing. It consists of two claims, the Chamberlain and Revenge, and the owners, Messrs. Arthur Evans and Lorenzo Wisener, of Ferguson, are of the opinion that they have the Trilby group lead run-

ing through both their claims, as it can easily be traced. This property was only located last fall. Assays of ore taken from the surface, average \$100 to the ton, in silver and lead. A cabin will be built this season and development work pushed all summer. There is plenty of timber and water, and a foot of clean ore to start work on.

**Beta Group.**  
Stanley Nix was in town on Monday from the Beta group, near Trout Lake, where he has been putting in the winter running a crosscut to tap the lead at a depth of 100 feet. He is now in about 90 feet and expects to strike the lead very soon. The Beta is one of Trout Lake's promising prospects and is owned by Messrs Stanley Nix and Joe Versobvich and has a fine showing of ore, which assays as high as \$40 in gold 200 ozs. in silver, besides a big percentage of lead and some copper.

**The Nettie L.**  
Another large shipment of the Trail smelter is now at Thomson's Landing, waiting for the big C. P. R. boat to come in for it, and with this soft weather the ice may be broken any day. The ore house at the mine is also full of sacks ready for the road. No more sacking can be done until a shipment of ore sacks now in the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Goldfields Co. is received. There are hundreds of ore hanging in place, and will be got out as soon as transportation is afforded.

**The Surprise.**  
A letter dated March 5th received by D. Morgan of this place, from D. MacInnes of Revelstoke, says: "I and another party have bought out Dr. W. B. McKee's interest in the Surprise and initial claim. We shall do work on it in the coming winter, if not this summer."

**AS VIEWED AT VANCOUVER.**  
News Advertiser: **THE EAGLE** has been in the news since the Dominion's pioneer publication, and a bright light about it seems. In making its bow to the residents of the Lardere and the public generally, the **EAGLE** says that it is by no means a field called upon to offer an apology for its debut in the journalistic field of British Columbia. The town of Ferguson and the immediate mining camps around it, north, south, east and west, have now reached a stage of development, at which the establishment of a newspaper to bring the news of the district from week to week before the notice of the outside world, has become an imperative necessity. Without at all aiming to create a boom or stampede, the **EAGLE** is confident that the better record and description of mining development and mining properties in this rich camp cannot fail to have a stimulating effect on the progress of the Lardere. The paper has been as much benefited by the fact that it has never been half advertised as from anything else. This defect the **EAGLE** proposes, to the best of its ability, to rectify.

**A POLITICAL HAREM.**  
O. A. Sutherland, secretary of the O. A. board of trade, is surely an artist. In answer to a request for information concerning the construction of proposed railways into this district this season, he proceeds to condemn the eight-hour law. To go down what next will the eight-hour law be? The answer is, "The best of trade consists of a Mr. Buchanan and other very noble would-be politicians, so that really nothing more could be expected. President Shaugnessy's word is no where, in connection with these idiotic wire-pullers. But it is a consolation to know that they must take a fair medicine, every platform now before the people being firmly pledged to the eight-hour law. And may not be long until even 'Irony' Ontario men with more muscle than brains" may only have to work eight hours around Mr. Buchanan's lumbering establishment.

**H. NEEDHAM ON THE MAIL SERVICE.**  
H. Needham, of Thomson's Landing, came in on Thursday evening and Friday went up to the Nettie mine to accept the management of the commissariat department. Mr. Needham says that there is positively no need of delay in this district. If the contractor was prepared for handling it, Mr. Needham should know, as he was courier in '96-'97, in worse winter, he claims, than this one.

## AT REVELSTOKE WILL BE A THOROUGHLY REPRESENTATIVE ONE.

Owners and Prospectors Declare It Will Be a Bonanza With Development.

## YELLOW-LEGGERS CUT NO ICE

Once Condemned By Carpio, But There is Lots of Ore Just the Same, as is Now Being Demonstrated in a Practical Way.—Ferguson is Located on the River Bench at the Bottom of This Promising Mountain.

The strike of a large body of good ore on the Silver Queen is indeed gratifying to all interested parties. The Great Northern mountain is proving, with good prospect work, what the owners of the different groups of claims, and prospectors generally, have always maintained—a bonanza. The properties on this hill, like the Nettie L., have received their share of attention from the yellow-legged fraternity, and in some instances not for the good of the properties, as in the case of our late mineralogist, Mr. Carpio, who condemned the hill generally, though it is positively asserted by parties who are in a position to know, that that gentleman never got any closer to the property than the town of Ferguson, a distance of two miles, and wrote his report entirely on hearsay. A resume of the different groups of claims and the amount of development done will, no doubt, prove interesting at this time.

**Alpha Group.**  
This group of claims is situated just two miles northwest of Ferguson and on the hill directly back of and overlooking this town. The group belongs to the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Goldfields Limited and consists of the following claims: Alpha, Broadview, Old Sonoma, Phillipsburg, Colonial and Confederation. The development work on this group has been confined to the Broadview and Old Sonoma, and consists of a shaft sunk to a depth of 112 feet with a drift of this at 90 feet from surface, and four tunnels 50, 100, 200 and 300 feet respectively. A great deal of ore was encountered in these different workings and last fall a carload of this ore was brought down and shipped to smelter. With the advent of the winter, the group will undoubtedly become one of this camp's principal producers.

**Great Northern Group.**  
This group consists of the Great Northern, Hillside, Northland and Northern Light and joins the Alpha group on the northwest, the latter being an end line extension of the Broadview. The owners, a Montana company, have done some 300 feet of development, chiefly tunneling and as a result have produced a fine body of high grade ore, assay values of which go as high as \$260 per ton.

Adjoining these claims on the north-west are the True Fissure, St. Elmo, Silver Queen, Yankee and Winona, the latter an end extension of the Silver Queen. On the True Fissure and St. Elmo considerable development work has been done. A shipment from the latter claim, which is owned by B. Ramey, Hugh McPherson and others, has demonstrated it to be a valuable property.

**The True Fissure.**  
The True Fissure, the discovery claim of all these groups, is owned by Messrs. T. Downs and Chas. Holton of Revelstoke, and P. Walker of Milton West, Ont. It has an immense body of ore in sight on the surface, some of which will require concentrating, while a great deal is of a shipping quality. A tunnel 81 feet in length has been driven on this claim, which exposes a good body of ore to a depth. These claims are among the most favorably situated of any in the district, being free from natural obstacles and having an abundance of timber on the ground, and plenty of water, and for extent of ore body is second to none in the district.

## THE CONVENTION

At Revelstoke Will Be A Thoroughly Representative One.

## LARDER DELEGATES ON HAND

And All Are Pledged to Support None But Tom Taylor—Either Tom Taylor or the Fraternal Party is the Verdict in This Camp.—Progressive Legislation We Will and Must Have, and in Taylor We Have "The Man."

As will be seen by a notice in another column, the Revelstoke wing of the Liberal-Conservative Association of British Columbia will hold their convention on Saturday next, the 17th, in this Camp.—Progressive Legislation We Will and Must Have, and in Taylor We Have "The Man."

A large and representative meeting of the Lardere delegates will be held in the evening to select delegates to attend the Revelstoke convention. Five were chosen and pledged by the meeting to support Tom Taylor's candidature for the post of delegate to the convention. Mr. Taylor is well known to the Lardere delegates and is well supported by the Lardere delegates.

## A WORKING MAJORITY NEEDED

Money Being Uselessly Squandered and No Business Being Done.—A Stable Government Required.

Politics are becoming so mixed in Victoria that the different brands of politicians could not be separated with the least care. Mr. Martin has been rewarded into the premiership by the Lieutenant Governor, who has distinguished honor of being the paternal grandfather of the ex-ambassador and minister, William Wallace Brown Melville. Smith Curtis, a bun politician from Grand Forks, without a seat but with an immaculate gait and a fine look, Mr. Martin is announced as a cabinet minister. Brown of New Westminster is credited with a willingness to accept the Minister of Finance job with Joe's aggregation of freaks if the Dominion government will not deprive him of his job as postmaster of Calamityville. Jim Dunsuir, the biggest graffer this far north calls Crow's Nest Baker, Hat and a turn-out and the colonel threatens to parry B. C. politics by retiring from public life altogether. William Wallace Brown is willing to sacrifice himself on the altar of the Wallace Brown cabinet position, his little brother wants a government job and the old gen is copying the style which has distinguished the administration of the "Sick Man of the Bosphorus." The Dunsuir has quit. Joe Martin cold, the conservatives have an axe to grind, the liberals are trying to get their fingers, Cotton is looking for a chance to lead a political black jack on a deadman, ex-governor Mackintosh of B. C. A. C. notoriety wants cheap advertising on the "ministerial possibility" and the conservatives are not passed, the job's list has been long. In the shuffle, the redistribution has gone where the woodbine twin, the sayim at Westminster is too crowded to make room for cheap politicians and the jails grade too many doughnuts to be thrown open free of charge.

Altogether, says the Sandon Post, the Lardere delegates are not a Missouri cyclone or a Klondyke snowdrift, but a practical black jack on a deadman. There is room for improvement in B. C. politics.

## THE DENISE OF JOHN DOHERTY.

John Doherty succumbed to his February, received while at work on February 28th in the Nettie L. mine, this morning! Such was the sad news conveyed to Fergusonians on Friday morning. Everything in man and mind that this season was done to save him, but the shock was fatal, as the poor suffering man seemed to realize. The expressions of sympathy and bereavement were many and heartfelt. Mr. Doherty had not only been in the camp, and was respected by all. All the miners at the Nettie L. laid off as soon as the word reached them, to attend the funeral of their late foreman, who was thought the world of by all his comrades. He was a man among men, whose honest and upright qualities endeared him not only to his immediate comrades, but to everyone in the camp. He was at all times respected and loved by his many social and business acquaintances and friends, and his untimely death is deeply regretted by all. The **EAGLE** can only extend its sincere sympathies to his bereaved wife and mother in Ireland in her sad loss, and may peace that passeth all knowledge and understanding be with and comfort to this sad affliction. His death has created a void in the camp which the long lapse of time can alone efface. The funeral, the first in the district, took place at 10 a.m. on Saturday from the residence of P. T. A. Bog at Trout Lake, when nearly everyone in the camp paid their respects by following the remains to their last resting place. Rev. Father Thayer of Revelstoke, conducting the funeral rites.

## INSPECTOR DOHERTY TO G. B. BATHO.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 13, 1900.  
Ferguson, B. C.  
Dear Sir: I am informed that you have been carrying an additional mail per week between Trout Lake and Revelstoke, and I am authorized to deliver to you or your authorized courier, as frequently as you may require, the necessary mail for Trout Lake so that if you are willing to enjoy the extra mail every facility will be afforded you.

Yours truly,  
W. W. DORRAN,  
Post Office Inspector.

## GIVE IT TO US LIGHT BILLE

Sandon Post-Note: No. 1, 17 of the Lardere **EAGLE** has arrived in this office. The **EAGLE**'s net is situated on the main street of the embryonic metropolis of the Lardere and will be done with greater ease. The attention of the w. l. at large is invited of the great new silver camp. R. P. Postleice is editor and to those who know the many announcements is sufficient guarantee that it will be bright and brilliant enough to keep Ferguson in the public eye.

## FERGUSON LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the last meeting of the Ferguson literary and debating society, the audience was pretty evenly divided as to whether federal party lines should be introduced into provincial politics. The discussion brought out many good points for both sides. At the close a business meeting of the members was held. A. C. Cummins was unanimously selected as president for the next term. F. Holten was re-elected secretary and an executive committee consisting of Messrs. Eaton, Brown and Holten were selected.

## LONG-BOUGHT FOR LEGISLATION.

The action of the Dominion government in introducing legislation with the object of restricting Mongolian immigration, will meet with the hearty approval of the mass of people in British Columbia. Some of the leading men of the conservative party have openly expressed their sympathy with the demands of British Columbia for legislation along these lines. There can be little doubt as to the issue.—Kamloops Sentinel.

## MAY BE ALL RIGHT, BUT IT SOUNDS.

Referring to the charter which the North Kootenay Water, Power & Light company is applying for, the Sandon Post says: "The people down there seem to think this bill is for a monopoly, but it is no such thing. The company cannot record a drop of water until they apply for it in the same way as any private individual can do and they have to pay for it the same as any one else, under the provisions of the Water Clauses Act."

## 1000 A BUSY YEAR

Never So Much Development Work Being Done As Now.

## FERGUSON THE SUPPLY POINT

Preparations For This Season's Busy Activity Now Being Made.—New Properties Being Opened Up And New Buildings Under Construction. ---The Camp's Pay Roll Increasing.

Outsiders are now beginning to realize the constantly increasing importance of Ferguson as the chief commercial and distributing point for the upper Duncan and northeastern and mostly developed portion of the Trout Lake mining divisions, and its surrounding area, as a trade center for the rapidly rising mining camps of this rich and extensive mineral district. And the **EAGLE** wishes to intimate that this season will witness a permanent advance in every line of business. Railway transportation facilities are another year in now a certainty. The mining industry of this area and adjoining to Great Western, a good many men working properties are already dotted over the district and several mining companies are now in the process of being organized. High grade ore has been made since the new year, thus adding considerably to the pay roll of the camp. Trails, though not enough, have been built, and the building of new trails from Ferguson to these scenes of busy activity, where under the superintendence of practical managers, the miners are winning wealth for the owners and getting a just reward for a just day's work for their share.

This activity in the district is rapidly beginning to reflect itself in Ferguson, which is its centre. A great deal of building is now being done in this spring, and many needed improvements will then be made, which will be the business of the **EAGLE** to do it. The town of Ferguson occupies a position which is bound to build up a large city in the near future. It is the wholesale and distributing point for a district, which combining as it does immense promise of mineral wealth, is bound to attract a large number of people, who have few equals even in this wonderful province of British Columbia. The lumber industry of the immediate neighborhood will be one of supreme importance in the future, and will be constantly on hand by our Ferguson merchants.

Present transportation facilities are against the district in general, but with the expenditure of a few thousand dollars on trails, the opening of navigation between the Landing and Arrowhead, and the construction of better means of reaching after the upper Duncan trade a much larger business will be done with greater ease. The actual requirements of consumers here in the district, and the necessities of merchants enlarging their stores and stocks, as is already being done. The telephone line connecting the district with the main line and intermediate points is a great advantage to everyone in the district, and facilities in the transaction of mining deals, etc.

It is to be hoped that this season will be the dawn of a new era for this camp, the owners of properties here will be able to get out their ore, and work on rich ore bodies, getting out less shipments and demonstrating in a very practical way that we have a district worth inspecting and investing money in.

## TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

The following officers have been elected by the Revelstoke trades and labor council for the ensuing term, D. Stammer former recording-secretary has been re-elected secretary. The council consists of: President, W. L. Levey; vice president, T. J. Graham; recording secretary, Frank Craig; financial secretary, B. F. Gaymon; treasurer, Samuel Neodam; secretary, W. L. Levey; and members, T. J. Graham and W. Willis; constitution committee, B. F. Gaymon, T. J. Graham and W. Levey.

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WILL SEND THE BILL TO YOU.

Ez for war, I call it murder— There you have it plain and flat; I don't want to go no further Than my Testament fer that.

Tain't your epyplets an' feathers Make the thing a grain more right; I'll go stick a feller thru, Ev'n take a sword an' drop it, Guv'mint ain't to answer for it, GOD WILL SEND THE BILL TO YOU.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Strong Opinion Expressed by a Montreal Paper.

In a recent issue the Montreal Herald said: "Despite the denial of the president of the War Eagle and the general manager of the Le Roi that there was any connection between their closing down and the agitation against the eight hour law, there are not wanting evidences of concerted action on the part of mine owners to bring about its repeal and incidentally to crush the labor union."

ROCKEFELLER'S MILLIONS.

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HAPPY NEW ZEALAND.

The gold standard casts its blight over New Zealand as well as over all of what are known as the "civilized" and "Christianized" countries of the world.

At the table was young Tommy Blaque, aged 5, whose behavior is usually so exemplary that he was permitted to come to dinner.

Tommy watched the guest with a fascinated air. But pretty soon he blurted out: "Say, mamma, doesn't that gentleman look like Major?"

"Hush, Tommy," whispered his mother. "What did the little man inquire?"

"I said you looked like Major," replied Tommy promptly. "Tommy, be quiet," cried his mother.

"Some military friend, eh?" said the guest, affably. "And who is Major, my little man?"

Tommy's mamma made an ineffectual attempt to stop him, but it came too late. "It's my dog," said Tommy.

Whereupon his mother promptly banished him in sobbing disgrace. TRUMPET CALLS FOR RAM'S HORN.

Many lose their souls to save their skins. It is a mistake to be forever copying.

The simplest patriotism is the hardest to practice. The life of goodness is the likeness of God.

Spiritual vision is not material blindness. The goodly man is he who acts divinely to his fellows.

The rees drop from sin, but the thorns remain. He is a brave man who thinks new thoughts aloud.

God is working toward a perfect man in a perfect world. Duplicity of conduct will not win impunity of conscience.

The ripper the fruit of holiness, the lower it bends itself. A criminal may escape from his cell, but not from himself.

There will be "good will amongst men" when they all do God's will. The angel's song is not set for their choir alone, but for all the chorus of humanity.

Sorrow cannot separate us from the Savior, but He shall yet separate us from them. WISE AND OTHERWISE.

A man who bets may be doing wrong but the man who doesn't bet is no better. If a man would live to a ripe old age he should get his name on the pension roll.

Many a man becomes a pessimist when he begins to harvest his wild oats. Every time a woman deceives a man his vanity gets a shock that puts it to sleep.

Unless a man is influenced by a woman he is neither very bad nor yet very good. Nothing pleases a man more than to hear that his neighbor has lost all his money.

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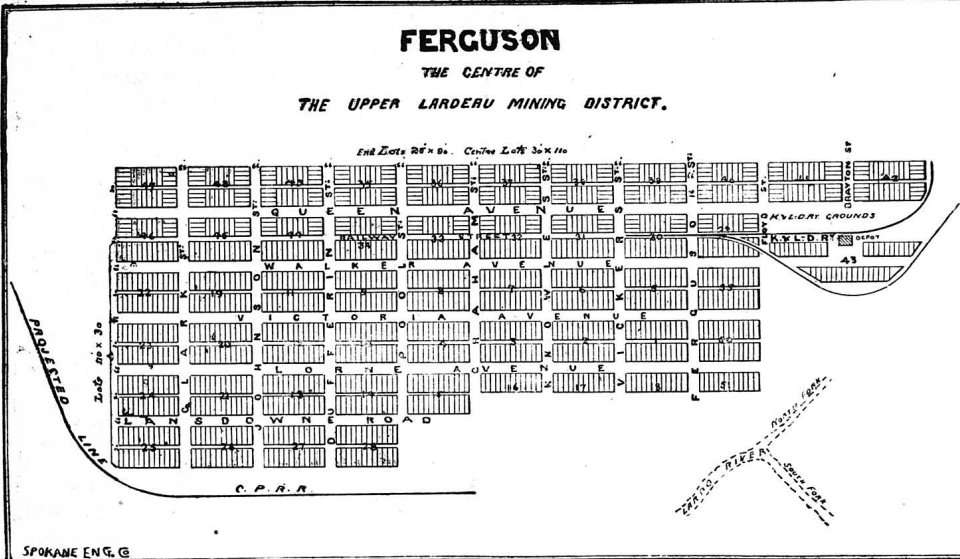
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Or tell us of the melon crop  
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They're sellin' of the old handpress.  
Full many a breeze  
When they came to whip the editor  
They've been in bliss away  
With his double-barrelled shot-gun—  
"Till they fed him in deep distress  
From the backshot as they rattled round  
The old handpress!

It looks so lonely and forlorn!  
Oh, heartless auctioneer,  
Be careful when you cry out  
To read its title clear!  
For though they have it up for sale  
I do not love it less.  
For the editor has whaled me  
On the old handpress!

### THE MEANING IN EVENTS.

The Real Significance of the Philippine and South African Struggles.

Speaking of wars as civilizers and the law of the survival of the fittest, T. A. Goodwin writes to the Indianapolis Press as follows:—

About midsummer, 1898, when the land was filled with mourning and men's hearts quaked because of fear on account of the terrible loss of life at Gettysburg and the uncertainty of the situation, a distinguished Presbyterian minister, who was waiting at the union station for his train, called upon his personal friend, William N. Jackson, then, as now, doing duty in the secretary's office. After the usual salutations the preacher asked: "What do you think of the conditions of the country, Brother Jackson?"

Without speaking a word, Mr. Jackson reached for his Bible, then lying on his table, and, turning to the Ninety-seventh Psalm, said: "Read that," and

the preacher read: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice." "That answers the whole question," said Mr. Jackson. Clouds and darkness may be about Him; we may not be able to see the meaning of His acts, but we are sure that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne, hence we can only wait and trust.

"Far, far above our thought His counsel shall appear. When fully He the work hath wrought That caused our needless fear."

Then followed a half-hour's conversation along the line of the scripture quoted, Mr. Jackson insisting that those who came after would understand why God used war to accomplish what could not be brought about by any other agency; and the preacher took the cars for home a happier man for the interview with a layman who reads and believes the Bible, and long ago those who participated in that war from mere political motive learned that "Far, far above their thought" God had in view not only the emancipation of the negro, but the emancipation of the slaveholders themselves, and their elevation to a higher moral, social and commercial plane than was possible with the nightmare of slavery paralyzing them, and the lifting of the whole nation to a higher level.

Whoever would study these wars intelligently, or any war, for that matter, must recognize, as a foundation truth, the Lord's edicts. We may not always be pleased with His methods; we may even imagine we could do better if we wielded the sceptre, or we may go only a short step farther and say in our hearts, if not words, there is no God; yet still He reigns, and we must submit to His laws, however reluctantly except that in the exercise of our free will we may disregard His moral laws and take the consequences. Finally, however, after strutting defiantly on the stage for a brief period, as if the world were made solely for our delinquency, or ought to have been, the curtain drops, and, in obedience to the law we most despised, our return to dust again and the mourners go about the streets as mourners have gone for thousands of years, as if some great calamity had befallen them, whereas only a law of our being has been obeyed, and it was no calamity at all. Death is no calamity.

There are at least two companion

truths always to be taken into account in such a study; though possibly they are less fundamental, yet they are important. First, God's methods are always evolutionary. With Him it is always the germ, the blade, the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear. In the inanimate realm there have been distinct forms of development, each succeeding period building on its predecessor. In the animated realm it is the same. The thorough bred horse of today is the result of natural selection—the survival of the fittest; as the apple of today is the result of cultivation, it is the improved crab-apple of the early forests. So of the most cultured people of today it may be said almost in the language of Saxe:

Most certainly we Anglo-Saxon-Norman Teutonic folks will not have to go far up our thread ancestral before we find some very rude, uncultured ancestors, but little if any superior to the original Hottentots of South Africa or the Filipinos of the Archipelago.

The second companion truth to be always present in such a study is that what God does for man He does by man. Sometimes this is done through the gentle ministrations of parents and teachers; sometimes through the more severe discipline of the master driving his slaves to his task, as the negro has been lifted from his condition as it was in the jungle; and often by the horrors of war, for there has not been a war since the days that sheik gullied sheik, that the survival of the fittest has not contributed to the uplift of the race. This may not always be so marked as to be perceptible in any given case, but in the end it is marked. Every school boy knows how the present cultured Englishman has grown from the ignorant and warlike clans of earlier times.

What may have been the immediate motive of the Boers in declaring war against the British, or the motive of England in the demand which made war inevitable, has nothing to do with the real significance of the war. The bottom fact is that for 800 years representatives of the lower stratum of Dutch civilization had been operating in South Africa only because it yielded rich pecuniary results; they had intermarried with the aboriginal Hottentot, producing a mongrel people, more Hottentotish than Dutch, with little prom-

ise of any higher civilization in the next 800 years, occupying one of the most productive portions of the earth, rich in gold and other precious minerals, yet not open to other people except under humiliating conditions. This might of itself be no just cause for a war of aggression if it were true that the accidental possession of such a region by a handful of people who would not half develop either its agricultural or mineral wealth, gave those possessors a vested right to its exclusive possession. So no claim is to assume that the 7,000 Indians who, a hundred years ago, roamed through the forests and the prairies of the territory which now constitutes the state of Indiana had such a title to the land and that we are trespassers. They had no such exclusive right. Whether the English had a right to march into that territory to protect British subjects who had been inveigled into the country by promise of citizenship on easy terms, and who had been the victims of cruelty and oppression—all this has nothing to do with the real significance of the war. While no one doubts the final result, as relates to the sovereignty of the Transvaal, possibly in a year, possibly not in a decade, one abiding result must follow, whether the question of sovereignty be settled soon or never: A higher type of civilization and culture will be introduced into South Africa within a decade, as a result of the war, than the Dutch have introduced in 800 years. In other words, the war only marks an epoch in the upward march of culture among that people, and the Dutch-Hottentot people of the closing year of the twentieth century will be thankful for a war that was necessary to produce such a result, and still more thankful will the prosperous nation be that will hold that fruitful land in the far distant thirtieth century.

The real significance, therefore, of the Philippine war is that it marks an epoch in the life-work of America. It is the beginning of the mission for which God has been preparing us these years. The war began with that humane impulse which sent us to Cuba to rescue the perishing. From that came the Philippine war, beyond that the world. Of course, a few cowardly, selfish souls will protest, but from our present work there never can be any retreat. All down the coming ages the

tribe of cynics will snarl, but the work will go on; not for the sake of the world's commerce, but commerce will go with America's civilization, and in the near by-and-by it will be American commerce and civilization without the American saloon and the American beer. But it will be ages and centuries and millenniums before the work is finished. God is never in a hurry. The eternities are His.

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