

# ALIEN MINER MISSING; SILVER TIP RESTAKED

## Profiting by "Lone Dutchman's" Disappearance Spokane Capital Acquires.

NELSON, B. C., Nov. 1.—Disappearance from the country of Henry Reichert, a German, and his consequent abandonment of a free miner's certificate, which involves loss of any mining property held here, has enabled R. G. McLeod to stake, on behalf of Spokane capitalists, the old Silver Tip group of claims at the head of Lemon creek, upon which the German carried out \$20,000 worth of development work in 17 years. Mr. McLeod has just returned from the property with some ore in a new vein which assays \$98.40 in gold and 33.4 ounces in silver, the total value being \$121.45.

Reichert was not interfered with by the authorities and could have held the property by renewing his free miner's certificate on May 31 last. But he disappeared about Christmas time and has not been heard from since. It is said that while in town on one occasion he made pro-German statements which aroused the anger of those who heard him and that he then became afraid of the consequences and left the country. He may be in the United States.

Mr. McLeod staked out seven claims and has renamed the group the Silver Beauty.

Development work carried out by Reichert includes a 250-foot tunnel, which consists of a crosscut for 126 feet and 125 feet of drifting on the vein. The vein was 12 feet where the crosscut hit it and in the drift runs from 2-1-2 feet in width to 12 feet. The average value, Mr. McLeod states, is \$16, a good milling grade.

It is a parallel vein that Mr. McLeod has discovered which gives the \$121.45 assay from selected ore from the payshoot. This is on the Silver Crest claim of the group. The vein is seven feet in width and gives average values of \$41.60 in gold. The \$121.45 ore from the payshoot has the appearance of galena and the high gold value was a surprise. Mr. McLeod was still more surprised to find that the general vein matter ran \$41.60 in gold.

This showing is on the surface and has not been developed.

Reichert, who was known as the Lone Dutchman, ran 100 feet of tunnel on a small vein with a 6-inch payshoot which runs about \$100 in gold. Another similar shoot on the property also run high in gold.

Mr. McLeod urges the need of a construction of five miles of road to provide the Lemon creek properties with transportation facilities. If the government will build this stretch next year his Spokane associates have pledged sufficient capital to carry on the development of the Silver Beauty group, he states. The head of Lemon creek is 17 miles from Willow Point and 12 miles of road has been constructed. This gives communication between Willow Point and the location of the old Golden Wedge stamp mill.

There are several other promising properties in the districts which would be served by the road, Mr. McLeod says. He owns the Burnett group from which two years ago he shipped ore to Trail smelter and got returns of about \$80 a ton. As it cost \$30 a ton to get the ore out operations were not profitable.

Completion of the road would bring it within one mile of the borders of the proposed Kookanee national park.

Mr. McLeod mentioned that Reichert had equipped the Silver Beauty group with cabins, blacksmith shop, steel ore car, rails and other facilities for operations.