

NEVADA STATE MINING NEWS

SCRUGHAM ASKS EARLY ACTION ON AID FOR MINERS

In an effort to aid the mining industry of Nevada and the west, Congressman James G. Scrugham this week addressed the following letter to Harold Ickes, secretary of the Interior, which is self-explanatory:

Hon. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The last congress accepted an amendment offered by me, to the act creating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, providing for certain loans to restore employment in the mining industry.

To date, I understand that approximately 4000 applications have been filed for loans on mining properties with the primary thought of providing work for the unemployed in that field. The only one which has been granted has been for a property on the Comstock lode in Nevada, amounting to \$160,000.

The present government set up for handling such loans is badly handicapped in obtaining first-hand information as to (1) the actual presence of ore value that warrants the loan (2) the metallurgical treatment for the recovery of the ore values including the necessary treatment plant (3) general supervision of operations to insure the return of money loaned.

It is important that these loans be made with the least delay coupled with property security. To hasten the work necessary to protect government loans on mines, I suggest that the U. S. Bureau of Mines be designated as the government agency to pass upon borrowers' claims as to ore values, metallurgical treatment and plan of operation.

Should the recommendation be acceptable to the administration and meet with the approval of the director of the Bureau of Mines, it is presumed the director will at once detail certain members of his present staff for this work and that provision will be made for the additional help, necessary supplies and incidental expense connected therewith.

It is expected that a large percentage of the emergency loans will be based upon the gold and silver values occurring in various classes of ores. The rare and precious metals experiment station of the Bureau of Mines at Reno, Nevada, is now fully equipped to immediately handle the ore problems pertaining to such loans. It is therefore suggested that this station be made headquarters for this new field work, and authorization be made to organize a special staff to push that part of the government emergency relief business pertaining to the actual ore reserves, mining, metallurgy and operating conditions for each of the proposed government loans.

I strongly urge that immediate action of this character be taken to expedite loans to the mining industry, in order to further new employment in the mining states.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SCRUGHAM, M. C.

—Goldfield News.

Leaves For Carson

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Breeze are leaving for Carson City, where Mr. Breeze will try a case in the supreme court. They are going by the way of Los Angeles to visit their daughter, granddaughter, and son.

Rickenbacker Seeks New Laurels



Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, center, famous flyer and World War ace, studies the weather chart, just before he hopped off from Los Angeles in a 14-passenger Douglas transport plane in an attempt to lower the present transcontinental record of 13 hours 2 minutes. Capt. Charles W. France, left, and Si Morehouse, who will relieve Rickenbacker at the controls, study the chart with the war ace.

TWO NEW MILLS GO INTO PRODUCTION

Two additional mills went into commission last week in northern Nevada. One is at the National mine in Humboldt county and the other at the Buckskin National, four or five miles away.

J. D. Leonard, machinery salesman, returned to Reno from a trip to both properties and said that at the National the plant was making its initial run after being practically rebuilt and placed in condition for the economical and effective extraction of the gold ore.

The flow sheet includes amalgamation, table concentration and flotation, and it will treat from 50 to 75 tons daily.

Frank Stall, who with his brother, the late George Stall, operated the first lease on the National mine in 1909-10 and produced ore to the value of \$1,500,000 in five months, recently bought the property and, financed by P. H. O'Neil of Los Angeles, last year commenced the work of reopening the workings, rehabilitating the mill and repairing the mine buildings.—Goldfield News.

\$1,400 SURELY GOOD ENOUGH FOR ANYONE

Frank Stall recently shot into a "hot spot" in the National mine, according to a Reno visitor. A hot spot in mining parlance is unusually good ore.

He took a sample across four feet and had it assayed. Results, \$900 a ton. "I must have salted myself," he told the assayer. "I'll cut another sample across the same place." Result \$1400.

It was suggested that he repeat the act, but he said \$1,400 was good enough for anybody.

—Goldfield News.

ADVERTISE IN THE AGE

DIVIDE EXTENSION CUTS RICH ORE

RENO, Nev.—High grade ore has been exposed in tunnel workings of the Divide Extension Cons. Co. west of Silver City, according to a late report from the mine. Caving of a small amount of loose ground beside the winze below the main tunnel was said to have exposed an 18-inch width of ore that sampled 16 oz. gold and 20.20 oz. silver per ton, or a total of \$572.93 per ton.

From the bottom of this winze the drift has advanced beyond the point where two veins unite into one and a third fissure is believed to unite with these a short distance ahead of the present face. The vein at this point was said to be more than six feet in width, the entire face of the drift in ore sampling \$10 or better per ton. The hanging wall is still above the drift, indicating that the ore is of substantial stopping width.

At another point in the drift, nearer the winz, sampling a week ago showed a width of two feet of \$50 ore and other samples have ranged in value from \$6 to \$30 per ton in gold. The tunnel is 1,300 feet in length and old stopes near the end are said to have produced a considerable quantity of high-grade mill ore.

The winze from which the new work is being conducted is at a point about 550 feet from the portal and in a section where the ore remains intact. The lately completed amalgamating and concentrating mill near Silver City has been running on ore from the Divide Extension mine and is said to have given satisfactory results in metal recovery.—Western Mineral Survey.

Leaves For L. A.

Mrs. Martha Anderson left Tuesday for Los Angeles, where she will spend a few days.

GOLDFIELD SHOWS MORE OPERATIONS

GOLDFIELD — Mining activity in the Goldfield district shows a weekly growth with Jack Harris, a recently returned Goldfield mining operator, adding men to his payroll in his lease development of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company. Thirty miners are now at work on the Harris project.

A headframe collasaset and hoist are being erected on the old Frances Mohawk shaft, one of the leases which made history during the early days.

Harris is also putting up a new head frame on the Wedge claim just across the road which is already equipped with an electric hoist. The old Consolidated railroad track is being put into condition so that ore cars may be set in under the Laguna shaft ore bins. In this mine, Harris says he has opened up a large body of ore on the 600-foot level and from which he expects to be soon shipping a carload of ore a day. Later on a mill will be installed to handle ore which is too low-grade to ship, he predicts.

—Denver Mining Record.

STATELINE MINE STILL DEVELOPING GOOD ORE

Robert Varnon was in Reno recently from the Stateline district, south of Goldpoint camp, and said conditions in the Nevada Gold property, of which he is manager, grow more encouraging as work goes on.

A sample across seven feet in the face of the west drift on the 125-foot level, where a large orebody was found at a junction with a cross vein, averaged \$15.42 a ton. In a drift 20 feet long from the bottom of a winze, 60 feet deep, just sunk from the same level, a sample all away across ran \$32.69, Varnon stated. The samples were taken by Ed S. Chaffey, who estimates that there are about 30,000 tons of ore partially blocked out in the workings.

Chaffey is operating a lease about three miles distant.—Goldfield News.

SEVEN TROUGHS MINE AGAIN SHIPPING ORE

Ed Davis made good money on his lease of several months duration in the Mazuma Tunnel No. 2 of the Nevada State Gold Mines Co. at Seven Troughs. Davis cleaned up the property recently and had the accumulated ore put through the Rogers mill for a second shipment of bullion. During operations of the mine, several high grade pockets were encountered. The lease is now in the hands of Joe Carpenter, financed by Johnson and Jones of the Delta club.

Davis has joined in a lease in the Tyler shaft which was recently given up by Clausen and Langhton.

It is reported that the lease held by Headwall and Blackbund on the 5,100 vein began to show values last week-end. The leasers had been following the vein where it was reached from the 4400 crosscut and had been discouraged by barren vein matter.

—Western Mineral Survey.

Visiting In L. A.

Mrs. Harry Allen and daughter, Ann, have for the past week been in Los Angeles visiting Mrs. Allen's mother.