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New York, Dec. 25.—Burglars with the aid of nitro-glycerine and a woman blew open the safe of Wesserman brothers, clothing dealers, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, early today, obtained \$1,000 in cash and valuable jewelry and made a clean getaway. Suits of clothes were piled upon the safe to deaden the noise of the explosion while a well-dressed woman accompanied by a man and down the sidewalk outside to warn the robbers of approaching danger. The police have no clew to the identity of the thieves.

NEWS OF THE MINES.

Spokane, Dec. 25.—Calling a meeting of the stockholders of the Idaho Smelting & Refining company in Spokane the afternoon of January 3 to elect a board of directors, J. Herbert Anderson, president, announces in a letter that he has interested capital to the extent of \$50,000 as an operating fund for the smelting plant at Ponderay, adding that this is more money than was ever invested in the company since its organization. He says that since this money will be used solely for the purpose and not to reduce liabilities, the future of the company is assured for the first time. He says also that arrangements have been made for sufficient capital to make certain more modern improvements at that plant, which will place the company in a position to compete favorably with all opposition.

Reports from Burke, Idaho, say the ore body encountered on the 900-foot level of the Hecla mine there is holding out well, having a width of six feet in clean shipping ore, the rest being concentrating galena. The shaft has been sunk to the 1,200-foot level, where a station is being cut. When this is completed a crosscut will be driven to the vein, a distance of 700 feet. James F. McCarthy is manager of the property, which is a steady producer of lead and silver ore. The Hecla is equipped with the largest electric hoist in operation in the United States.

Henry Auerbach of Butte, Mont., has bonded for 18 months a group of five claims on Pine creek, opposite the Bobby Anderson property. He will call the property the Lucky Strike. There is a good showing of lead and silver ore and the claims are in a part of the Coeur d'Alene where discoveries of these metals have been abundant and rich. The Bobby Anderson has three carloads of lead ore ready for shipment. Mr. Auerbach will put men to work early in 1910 to continue the crosscut tunnel, now in 100 feet, 900 feet further to tap the ledge at a depth of 1,000 feet.

Shipping ore in quantity and quality has been broken into on the Reindeer, a copper property near Mullan, Idaho, and there is enough mining ore in sight to warrant the beginning of operations as soon as the snow goes off in the spring. As the drift has been progressing the character of the copper has been improving, but it has remained of a milling grade. The ore has been exposed in large quantities so that there appears to be no doubt that the Reindeer will be a producing mine within eight months. The ore body has been opened for 500 feet, the great width of the vein requiring much crosscutting and lateral drifting. The work so far has been confined to the east drift, the ground west of the main crosscut tunnel not having been developed. The company's ground extends 1,500 feet west of the main tunnel.

First shipment of ore has been made from the Monarch mine near Murray, Idaho, and others will be made regularly in the future. The raise shows seven feet each of shipping and milling ores. The ore body has been surveyed and the estimate made by engineers is that the amount now in sight, if figured at \$10 a ton, is worth \$2,500,000. This value is low, and if the price of \$12, realized on an average from former shipments, is used in estimating the value of the ore blocked out, it would reach \$14,000,000.

While doing assessment work on the Square Deal property, near Mullan, Idaho, lead carbonates in quantity were found in a crosscut of the ledge, assaying 45 per cent. The property adjoins the Alice mine.

The Shoshone Mining company has instituted an action in the district court at Wallace, Idaho, against the Bunker Hill and Sullivan company to quiet title to an area of conflict between the two companies.

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tween the Ilex lode owned by the former and the Helen Marr lode, owned by the latter. The Bunker Hill and Sullivan had its claim surveyed for patent and the Shoshone people say the survey includes practically all of their Ilex claim.

The Valentine Mining company has awarded a contract for 50 feet of additional work. The drift, which is in 750 feet, will be extended. The property has not been worked during the year. The drift shows considerable ore though not in bodies that would make it commercially valuable. The company has levied an assessment of half a mill a share for exploration.

Articles of incorporation of the Snowstorm Extension Mining company, with head offices at Los Angeles, have been filed with the county recorder at Wallace, Idaho. The capital is placed at \$1,000,000. The company will take over the property of the old Snowstorm Extension Mining company of Wallace. The incorporators are Californians.

The Copper Chief Mining company, whose claims adjoin the Bullion group in the Coeur d'Alenes, is working from the Bullion tunnels and is running a drift by which a depth of 800 feet can be attained. The property in the same ledge as the Bullion and in the latter property it has been drifted on 1,200 feet, opening large bodies of copper.

The Last Chance property, near Saltese, Mont., it is reported, has its crosscut in 800 feet, with 70 feet to go to reach the vein. It will take two months to complete the work on account of the unusual hardness of the rock. The crosscut will encounter the ledge just under where ore was taken out for former shipments. The property has shipped \$150,000 worth of silver-lead ore in the last few years.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Big Four mining company in Wallace, Idaho, a few days ago, these officers were elected to serve for the year: President, W. J. Baker; secretary, E. L. Brown; treasurer, E. Stone; Herman J. Rossi and H. F. Reese were elected directors.

Eight feet of concentrating ore was encountered on the Paymaster Mining company's property in the Osburn district. The property has been extensively developed, but so far the values have been mostly in lead. J. M. Burns of Spokane is president of the company.

Marsh Mining company, which recently acquired the Cooney group in the Coeur d'Alenes, is rapidly completing preparations to operate that property in a more extensive manner than has ever been undertaken there before, according to J. V. Pohlman of Spokane. With the power lines completely developed, the Hecla mine, Arthur E. Booth, manager, is ready to push operations. The machine drills, recently installed, are in operation and two shafts are at work. Tunnels were driven by the old management at the 500 and 800-foot levels and good showings disclosed at each depth. Mr. Pohlman says it is expected to ship ore early next spring.

H. Robbins, superintendent of the Marguerite Mining company, on Treacle creek, near Hope, Idaho, in Spokane for the holidays, reports rich ore shoots were encountered 200 feet below the apex, last week. The ore at this point is four and one-half feet in width. Only one test of the ore has been made. This showed returns of \$108 in gold. A smelter test from 300 tons, using a 50-pound sample, yielded \$40 per ton in gold. The country rock is quartzite and diorite; veins being fissures paralleling porphyry dykes across the strata.

Announcement is made that electric power will be installed this winter at the United Lead Mining company's property at Osburn, Idaho. Besides the long tunnel under consideration it is the intention to sink on a ledge of the German-American at a point 500 feet in from the tunnel portal. The tunnel on the property is now in 1,800 feet and it is the intention to continue it to the Good Hope lead. Ore has been disclosed in the upper workings. There is 20 tons of ore on the dump.

Officers of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating company regard the ruling by Judge Frank S. Dietrich of the United States district court in Idaho in ordering the Federal Mining & Smelting company to appear as a party in a suit instituted by the January Mining company, a subsidiary concern, as a decided victory. The court ordered the consolidation of a dozen actions brought indirectly by the Federal company against the Bunker Hill & Sullivan into one suit, involving a total of \$7,500,000. This ruling, the Bunker Hill people say, brought the Federal company into the open and, they add, discloses the force behind the smaller corporations. The basis for action is that the apex of the property owned by the January company, which would, according to the mining law of Idaho, give to the January company title to the ore which the Bunker Hill & Sullivan is mining in the Coeur d'Alenes.

Oregon Smelting & Refining company at Sumpter, Ore., will resume operation after an enforced idleness of two years. The company's property was sold at auction at Baker City a few days ago to W. G. Mennon of Newark, N. J., represented at the sale by Scott German. The price paid was \$17,000. The personal property was sold at a separate sale on November 22, when it was bid in for \$5,000 by F. S. Baillie of the Columbia mine. This has also been turned over to Mr. Mennon. It is announced that the new owner will remodel the plant and put it on a commercial basis.

R. A. Wilson of Wallace, Idaho, said in an interview that the residents of his city and the Coeur d'Alenes in general will renew their campaign for the extension of the Spokane & Inland Empire Electric railway system from Coeur d'Alene City to Wallace to give them direct connection with Spokane. He added: "The Coeur d'Alene mines are yielding a larger output than ever before and the district is unusually prosperous. The dividends of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine alone

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Orders have been issued from department headquarters directing the Third battalion Sixth infantry stationed at this post to leave here December 31, in time to reach San Francisco not later than 5 a. m. January 4. The only officers in the post who are not going with their tongues out, are the doctors who will remain here, although Dr. Kierulff will accompany this battalion to Frisco. However, he will return when he has completed with that order.

Lieutenant Caffery, Second infantry, has been in the post for several days relieving Lieutenant Grubbs of all quartermaster and commissary property which will be left in the post on the departure of the Sixth. A detachment of the Second infantry will arrive here about the 29th to act as guard and care for the post until the arrival of the Fourteenth about the 25th of next March.

Chaplain John A. Randolph returned to the post a week earlier than he intended on account of the illness of Mrs. Randolph. The chaplain spent his leave in Mississippi and Texas where he visited relatives and friends. He attended the session of the North Mississippi conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Okolona, Miss., December 1 to 5. The chaplain is a member of that conference and this was the first visit he had been able to make to his home conference in six years.

Lieutenant George W. England has returned from his leave which he spent in New York and Washington. He reports a great time.

Lieutenant Simpson is expected to join his company at this post about the 25th. Lieutenant Gordon has been ordered to join at San Francisco January 1. Mrs. Wetherill, wife of Lieutenant Wetherill, adjutant Third battalion, has gone on to Frisco to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Foster, before sailing for the east. She arrived in Frisco just in time to be with her aunt when they received the sad news that Major Foster had died suddenly in Manila on the 17th.

The post exchange at this post has been closed and the goods left on hand will be divided among the four companies and taken to the islands where another exchange will be established.

It is expected that the Sixth will occupy the stations now occupied by the Fourteenth infantry in the Philippines. If this is true, this battalion will go to the city of Cebu, the Second battalion, now at Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, will go with regimental headquarters to Tacloban on the island of Leyte, and the First battalion will be stationed at Ormoc on the west coast of the same island.

There is some speculation as to what transport the troops will get out of San Francisco. The San Francisco papers say the Thomas, which is scheduled to sail January 5, has been laid up for repairs. Whether this

were more than \$1,000,000 in 1909, and they have exceeded \$11,000,000 since the mine began shipping. Although this is, of course, an exception, all of the mines that are being operated are yielding immense profits.

Consolidated Mining and Smelting company of Canada, with headquarters at Trail, B. C., secured control of the Sullivan group at Kimberley, B. C., by lease closed in Spokane. The operation of the properties will be resumed at once and they will become regular shippers. The Consolidated secured a long term lease, with option of purchase of control, from the Federal Mining & Smelting company, a subsidiary concern of the American Smelting & Refining company.

High grade bared ore in a 14-inch vein has been gotten on the Oom Paul and Etta properties near Corada, Wash. Crews have been working on a large body of medium low grade ore, which can be handled at a profit as soon as better shipping facilities are provided. It is reported that the ore in the new strike can be hauled 20 miles and pay a good profit. S. L. Magee of Spokane is the principal owner.

Bell brothers of Wallace, Idaho, have received a contract to extend the crosscut in the United Lead company's properties, comprising the consolidation of several holdings near Osburn. They will begin in January and rush the development as rapidly as possible. The crosscut is being run to open up the Good Hope at depth.

Hecla Mining company, operating in the Coeur d'Alenes, announces a dividend of \$20,000 for December, making \$210,000 for 1909, or \$1,820,000 to date. The mine, a producer of lead and silver, is located at Burke, Idaho, and is in excellent condition. J. F. McCarthy is manager of the property.

Rex mine, in the Coeur d'Alenes, which has been leased to the Lead-Silver company for 20 years, is showing up well under the development now being carried on by B. M. Fran-

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