SUSPICIOUS FIRES IN BUTTE

ANARCHISTS, NOT ANACONDA WORKMEN, SUSPECTED.

Slight Increase in Copper Output—Tintic Consolidation—Goldfield Consolidated Profits—Growth at Cripple Creek—Notes From the Mine Fields.

BUTTE, Feb. 15.—The fire in the powder magazine of the East Gray Rock recently following close upon the fire in the High Ore has set people talking and many there are who are of the opinion that both fires were the work of some person bent on the destruction of property. The opinion does not prevail that there is any particular feeling against the Anaconda company, for it is generally conceded that it is treating its men well. Anarchists rather are suspected. The fire in the East Gray did not do any damage as a lot of brave men as soon as it was discovered rushed to the scene and by forming a bucket brigade subdued the flames and secured the two boxes of powder which were in the magazine. All the men were able to resume work in the mines on the next shift.

Robert C. Davis, the superintendent of the Iron Mountain tunnel company, has been in the city after a visit to the property just west of Missoula. Mr. Davis says that the mill will be started up again in April and that there is a prospect of electric power being substituted for steam. While the mill has been closed down all winter in consequence of the cold weather and the consequent lack of water, a force of men has been at work in the mine and a large amount of ore is being blocked out. The shaft is being sunk from 1850 to 2,000 feet. The tunnel level has been extended fifty feet beyond the old ore body and a new ledge has been encountered containing four feet of good ore. Mr. Davis says that when the mill resumes operations in the spring there will be enough ore to keep it going to capacity during the entire summer and fall.

A story was recently printed that the $4,000,000 surplus in the Coalition treasury had been diverted to other channels. It is said on very high authority that the $4,000,000 is still in the Coalition treasury and the holders of the stock need have no fear in regard to the protection of their rights.

The fire in the High Ore mine is no longer exciting any interest, and although it is not yet out it is believed that in the next two weeks all signs of fire will have disappeared and men will be on shift on all levels of the property. The pumps are kept in good working order and the 2,800 foot level is now practically free of water. As yet it is impossible to make an estimate of the damage, but as the flames were largely confined to old workings there will be little interference with operations when it is decided to resume.

The North Moccasin property in the Kendall district is to be sold this month and there is every prospect that it will be purchased by the Barnes-King Company.

The Raven Copper Mining Company has a force on development work and no effort whatever is being made to block out any ore at the present time. A crosscut is being run from the 200 foot level of the Old Glory to the Snowzer and four veins have been encountered. No effort will be made at the present time to prove up the veins.

The Butte and Superior company during January shipped 425 tons daily to the Basin concentrator which netted $30,000 for the month. Increased profits, while to some extent due to increased shipments, have been also caused by the improvements made at the concentrator, which have reduced the cost of production to $3.90 a ton, including cost of mining and freight charges to Basin.

The official figures as announced of the production of the mines of the Anaconda company for the last month are 21,600,000 pounds, which is 100,000 pounds more than the previous month. The East Butte company turned out a little over 1,000,000 pounds during January, which brings up the total production of the district for the last month to 22,600,000 pounds.

The Corbin Copper Company in the Corbin district is making regular shipments of high grade ore. The concentrator has been closed down on account of the cold weather. When it is reopened in the spring it is likely that electric power will be substituted for steam. Recent returns from the Rosalie Lee tunnel show 9.15 per cent copper, 25 8-10 silver and 90 cents in gold to the ton. Extensive development work is proceeding.

There is a report that a proposition is soon to be submitted to the stockholders of the Alice Silver Mining Company to dissolve the company and distribute the assets pro rata among the stockholders as soon as practicable. The assets of the Alice company as shown by a report made December 31, 1910, are 30,000 shares of Anaconda company stock, cash in bank $29,122.99 and dividend due from Anaconda company $15,000. The liabilities consist of 600,000 shares of the capital stock of the company. Since selling its property to the Anaconda the Alice has received three dividends of 50 cents each. It is announced that in addition to receiving 30,000 shares of Anaconda stock a floating indebtedness of over $34,000 was taken care of. The secretary of the Alice says in a report that just as soon as the plan is ready for dissolution the stockholders will be advised.

HELENA, Feb. 15.—The Hobo mine in the Hasmark district of Granite county is the scene of an important strike. The property was recently taken over under lease and bond by McLeod and McMillan. Not more than two feet from where they started operations they broke into ore which is very rich in both lead and silver.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Triangle Mining and Developing Company it was decided to increase the capital from $300,000 to $1,200,000 to provide means for development.

The maiden dividend on the royalties from the Hidden Lake mines, near Georgetown, has been declared, amounting to five cents a share. This is the result of a distribution of the receipts from three carloads shipped to the smelter. The mines are under lease and bond to a syndicate headed by H. C. Bacorn, and the owners are to receive a royalty on all productions. If the option be taken up the owners will receive between 75 cents and $1 a share for their stock. So soon as the water supply is adequate the cyanide plant will be started.

The Ohio-Keating in the Radersburg district, forty miles east of here, has virtually closed a deal for the lease of all its properties on a 25 per cent. royalty basis. The ore exposed in the shaft is identical with that in the Keating, which is shipping about 200 tons a month, with an average value of $24.10 to the ton in gold.

Former Senator Lee Mantle has received a check for $100,000 which represents the final payment on the Jack Waite property, just across the Idaho line. The new Milwaukee line has brought a railroad within three miles and a gravity grade, and recent operations have demonstrated great wealth.

The Victory Gold Mining Company of this city has just completed a test run in its Chilian mill, cleaning up $5,000 from the plates. The run continued twenty-five days and was made on second class ore. The mill has been shut down pending the installation of water wheels and the development of electric power on the company's site. Only the second class ore will be milled, the higher grade being of such value that it is more profitable to ship it to the smelter direct. Hauling of about 2000 tons, worth, it is estimated, $10,000, from the mine above Avon to the East Helena smelter has started. The company has nearly finished driving a long working tunnel. It is in ore and when finished will give a vertical depth of about 250 feet. A raise will be driven to connect with the bottom level of the 150 foot shaft. Much ore has been blocked out.

A report from Corbin states that approximately 100,000 tons of ore have been blocked out between the 200 and 900 foot levels of the Boston and Corbin, and it is stated that the management will not do any more development until a concentrator has been built. The 1,200 level will be reached in a comparatively short time.

The King Solomon mine in the Clancy district south of Helena is the scene of a new strike. The manager of the property in Helena exhibited some specimens which run more than 400 ounces of silver and about 40 per cent. lead. The strike was made at the 400 foot level and seems to be a continuation of the ore found at the 150. The vein has not been fully developed, the contains five feet of quartz.

The old camp of Winston in Broadwater county is the scene of activity this winter. Joe Goodman has just received returns on a shipment of Irish syndicate ore which netted close to $50 a ton, while Kleinschmidt bros. are taking out equally rich ore from an adjoining claim. Chisholm bros. have made a strike in their property at the head of Kimber Gulch, which assays 50 per cent lead. Frank Dobler has made a shipment to East Helena that netted $2,000 for a thirty ton shipment. He is sinking a shaft, and the ore was taken in as this development. The shaft is down 200 feet and he still has a splendid showing. The Martha W. has fourteen inches of $160 gold ore in its shaft at a depth of 150 feet. John Haas has also made a rich strike in the Freiburg in Wessel Gulch, while J. H. Daniels is just making the initial shipment from his Iron Age. Mine assays indicate a value of $80 a ton in gold.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

DEADWOOD, Feb. 16.—It is hoped to have the property of the New Reliance Gold Mining Company, located on Annie Creek in the Bald Mountain district, in operation about April 1. Word from the head office of the company in Minneapolis says that a change of method of operation is to be made in the 200 ton cyanide mill. The directors are S. E. Olson, C. O. Veker, C. N. Patterson, all of Minneapolis; Dr. A. Gundersen of La Crosse, Wis.; V. C. Wass, Dell Rapids, S. D.; Dr. O. F. Lambertson, Lincoln, Neb.; E. Humphrey, Cordova, Ill.; J. J. Decker, Menlo, S. D., and Dr. C. C. Gross, Yankton, S. D. The new officers are: President, S. E. Olson; vice-president, E. Humphrey; secretary, C. O. Veker. The New Reliance was reorganized last fall.

Another postponement of the receiver's sale of the property of the Hidden Fortune Gold Mining Company has been granted by the Circuit Court, the sale being postponed until May 3. The court announced that there would be no further postponements. The sale was originally set for last September, but has been postponed from month to month to permit Henry Mayham and other New York interests financing the merger with the Columbus to complete the work and pay off all the indebtedness. The present plans of the Mayham syndicate include the commencement of active mining on the properties before summer sets in.

Ore has been struck by the Mogul Mining Company in the Mark Twain shaft in the Blue Mountain district, where sinking to quartzite in the shaft was recently begun. At a depth of 90 feet a body of porphyry was encountered and drifting on this 135 feet an ore body was found which is now being developed. No figures as to the size or quality of the ore have yet been given out, but it is said to be of fair milling grade and up to expectations. Temporarily the work of sinking has been discontinued while the ore is developed, but it will be resumed later and it is hoped to reach the quartzite at a depth of between 400 and 500 feet. The verticals which show in the higher levels are thought to continue down in regular formation.

With the resumption of work on the property of the Echo Mining Company the Maitland district is again looking up. It is expected that three more well known properties will resume within a month. The North Homestake Mining Company, owned by Alexander Maitland of Negaunee, Mich., has for some time been doing work preparatory to sinking its shaft to quartzite, a distance of about 500 feet, and opening up the vertical ledges at that depth. The Minnesota Mines Company, which suspended last summer on account of financial difficulties, has straightened out practically all its tangles and disposed of its liens and is about ready to resume. President F. E. Little of Minneapolis is arranging the necessary details before work can be resumed. It is planned to continue work on the 200 foot level of the mine before the mill is reopened. Joe Keller, who has made several trips East, has got the affairs of the Fortunate Mining Company in good shape, and says he is about ready to resume its work. The shaft is down 200 feet and is near the quartzite formation. Extensions of the North Homestake ore ledges are believed to traverse the Fortunate ground.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 15.—A meeting of stockholders of the Bullock Mining Company will be held March 6 to ratify the terms of a consolidation between the Tintic Empire and Tintic Combination companies. The capital stock of the new company will be $1,000,000.

Uncle Sam Consolidated has $15,000 worth of ore on the local market that runs 45 per cent. lead and 30 ounces of silver to the ton. The company is paying a regular quarterly dividend of 2 cents and an extra dividend of 3 cents a share.

The New York Bonanza in Park City district continues to raise on the new ore from the 900 foot level. The body is 20 inches wide in places and has been followed 101 feet along the strike.

A new discovery on the Cedar-Talisman in Beaver county on the 400 foot level gives the management from two to six feet of first class shipping lead and silver ore. Work for the contact on the 500 foot level is being pushed.

The Montana-Bingham drift, while still 260 feet from the objective, has discovered a new ore body. The face is filled with sulphides and black copper. One streak of copper sulphides is two feet thick. The bottom of the drift is filled with sulphides.

The Salt Lake Stock and Mining Exchange has elected the following officers: W. J. Browning, president; W. D. Nebeker, first vice-president; W. H. Child, second vice-president; E. G. Woolley, third vice-president; G. E. Norton, treasurer; G. A. Shorten, secretary.

Jesse Knight is forming a merger of the Governor and Dragon properties in the Tintic. A special meeting of stockholders is called for March 2. The Governor adjoins the Iron Blossom and the Dragon adjoins the Governor.

The statement of the Chief Consolidated shows ore sales for the year of $177,659.17.

The Beck Tunnel mine has a new ore body for which a tunnel is being driven.

NEVADA

GOLDFIELD, Feb. 17.—The statement of the Goldfield Consolidated for the quarter ended December 31, 1910, shows 76,270 tons of dry ore treated and shipped. The gross value was $2,715,982. Costs and losses were $941,430 and net profits $1,774,192. The company had a cash balance of $2,524,327. After distributing the quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share there remained in the treasury $1,270,000.

Samples of first class tungsten ore from the Lucy L., in the Deep Creek district, show 58.35 per cent. tungsten, which is equivalent to 73.58 per cent. tungstate acid or 90.6 per cent. calcium tungstate, known as scheelite. This ore is estimated to be worth $750 a ton. In addition there are good gold values.

Twenty days' operations of the Skidoo property show net returns of $11,560.

The statement of the Belmont Extension

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