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GETTING BETTER RETURNS FROM THE DOUGLAS

LUDWIG MINES SHOW AN INCREASE IN OUTPUT FOR NOVEMBER.

Following is an official analysis of the November operations of the Nevada-Douglas Copper company at Ludwig, Nev.:

Dry tons shipped from the Ludwig, 896; dry tons shipped from the Douglas Hill, 616; dry tons shipped from the Casting Copper, 3060; total, 4474.

The average copper assay value for the above shipments is 6.95 per cent, against 6.45 per cent for October. The total number of men employed on a 30-day basis was 131, against 128 for October. The company's gross earning revenue, based on the average price of copper for November, was \$50,914.33.

The total operating expense, including taxes, was \$18,267, making the net operating income \$32,648.33. Final settlements on ore shipped on previous months amounted to nearly \$7000, making a total income of \$39,606.65. Subtracting interest on funded debt, mine redemption, depreciation of buildings, machinery, etc., amounting to \$6394, makes the approximate earnings of the mine for the month of November over \$33,000.

Mr. Orem was careful to explain that this \$33,000 will be greater or less, depending upon whether copper is higher or lower when the final settlements are made.

Superintendent L. C. Monahan, writing from the mine, says: "We encountered ore in vertical diamond drill hole on surface at 74 feet and continued in ore to 96 feet, making 22 feet of ore running 5.6 per cent. At this point the hole entered lime and still continues in white lime. Am continuing hole, expecting to find ore under the lime or black schist. This drill hole is 75 feet south of the Casting Copper shaft."

Engravings of the early English and eighteenth century French schools brought \$15,000 at a sale in Christie's, London.

MEXICAN OIL FOR ARGENTINA.

Consul General R. M. Bartleman of Buenos Ayres reports the arrival at Bahia Blanca of the steamer San Fraterno with a cargo of some 12,000 tons of petroleum from Tuxpam, Mexico. The vessel belongs to the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products company. The cargo was consigned to the Pacific railway.



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MORE PLATINUM NEEDED FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE STRAINING EVERY NERVE TO MEET DEMAND

Thomas H. Horton, United States consul at Chemnitz, reports to the department of commerce as follows: "One of the most serious problems connected with the expansion of electrical illumination and certain branches of technical chemistry is based upon the limited occurrence of the metal platinum. Hitherto Russia has been practically the only source of supply. In several localities of the Ural mountains, notably in the neighborhood of Nizhni Tagilsk in the Perm government and about Mount Bilgodat, the metal is found in sufficient amount to allow of systematic mining operations. Very small quantities of platinum have been found in Borneo, Sumatra, Brazil, Colombia, Australia and California, but the contributions from all these regions to the world's demands form a small fraction of the Russian supply—5 per cent or less. The total production is now about 12,250 pounds annually.

"Every effort has been made in Russia to locate new deposits of the metal, but without success. The annual quantity tends to decrease, and an exhaustion of the deposits at no very remote date seems almost a certainty. At the same time the demand for platinum has far outstripped the supply, and has naturally caused an enormous increase in the price. In 1892 platinum cost \$89 per troy pound, about one-third as much as gold. Four years ago the price had risen to \$358 per troy pound, and at present (October, 1913.) it is \$488 per troy pound.

"A large group of industries will welcome the discovery in Germany of extensive deposits of platinum, susceptible of easy exploitation. The location of these deposits is at Wenden, in Westphalia, in a section where iron, lead, copper and zinc mines are abundant. While prospecting by drill in the neighborhood of Wenden, metallurgical chemists unexpectedly discovered appreciable amounts of platinum in the layers of rock covering the ores of the common metals. The amount of platinum present in the rock varies from 0.5 to 1.3 troy ounces per cubic yard, which is very rich compared with the Russian deposits.

"Steps have already been taken to begin the regular metallurgical extraction of platinum at Wenden on a large scale. It is thought that careful prospecting will reveal the presence of other extensive fields in the Westphalian ore region, where geological formations similar to those at Wenden are widespread.

"In the Westphalian deposits platinum is present in the form of an alloy, and in the customary course of analysis entered into solution in the form of a nitrate. A chemist decided to test the solution of nitrates obtained in the normal course of an analysis for the possible presence of platinum, and this led to the unexpected discovery.

"It would appear eminently desirable to carry on promptly investigations in the United States for possible sources of the metal, utilizing data gained at Wenden. There may be large tracts of unsuspected wealth capable of detection by the revised

analytical process. Attention should be directed particularly to those sections where platinum has already been detected to a limited extent."

JUDGE SOMERS TO DRILL FOR WATER. C. W. Parry, artisan well driller, left Tuesday morning for Indian Springs. He will take charge of sinking a hole on the big 10,000-acre tract of Judge Peter J. Somers of Goldfield and associates, near the springs. Water has been unsuccessfully sought the past year on this land, but the nearest surface water is 300 feet down the pipe—out of the question for pumping. The owners plan to go north to a rock formation similar to the Las Vegas valley, where an irrigation supply is looked for. The tract was taken up under the Carey act—Las Vegas Review.

WORKING THE IBEX. Boh Greenlee and A. A. Bass have begun work on the old Ibox at Bellevue and have money in sight for steady prosecution of development for some time.

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