

MINING NEWS

COPPER UNDER LITIGATION IN TONOPAH CAMP

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Considerable Stock of Red Metal Is Pressing for Sale

Tonopah Mining Co. Will Sue Two Companies for Damages

Copper metal prices have been reduced to under 12 cents a pound, but on the decline a fair quantity of the metal was moved for domestic consumption. Whether or not the reduction in the price will help to increase the consumption cannot yet be judged, but it is quite apparent that there is a considerable stock of copper lying around for sale. It now develops that Amalgamated, Utah, Ohio, Guy and Nevada Consolidated have all been storing a large quantity of copper for months past, and have been paying money on the copper stored and paying dividends against earnings established in this way. Amalgamated during the past ten days has been reported to be an open seller of copper in London at 12 cents a pound P. O. London. It would be no surprise to see copper metal prices go lower.

In regard to litigation in the Tonopah camp the following article will probably be interesting to shareholders. This apex-ridden camp, which only recently has been harassed by apex litigation of the first magnitude between the Tonopah West End and Jim Butler companies is apparently about to witness the beginning of fresh litigation, instigated by the Tonopah Mining company against the Tonopah Extension and Tonopah Merger companies.

It is expected that the Tonopah Mining company will sue for \$120,000 damages from the Merger and \$20,000 from the Tonopah Extension for alleged to have been extracted from the Sand Grass claim, particularly the very extensive treasure house of Tonopah's first big mine.

"Vice-President and Adjoining Engineer J. E. Spurr will be here tomorrow in connection with these suits. "In the past two years, the Tonopah Mining company has concentrated all its new work in this claim, which lies south of the Merger and east of the Tonopah Extension.

The trouble is over a vein which extends through the ground of the Tonopah Mining company, across a corner of its Sand Grass claim, into the Merger.

The Tonopah Mining company claims that the Merger and Tonopah Extension companies have violated the Sand Grass claim and extracted ore, Merger taking 1,200 tons of the ore about the seventh level, last May. On this ore value for the ore, the damages claimed will be \$120,000.

It is a good opinion here that Merger will have no defense to this suit, and the only hope for the company is that Tonopah Extension will be able to successfully dispute Tonopah Mining's claim to the apex of the vein, in which case the difficulty would be shifted from an unfriendly to a friendly interest.

Jointly with the filing of the claim against the Merger, the Tonopah Mining company is claiming \$200,000 damages from the Tonopah Extension, an ore extracted from the Sand Grass claim. The Tonopah Mining company has given the Tonopah Extension until Sept. 24th to answer the claim. Failing this, suit will be started.

The Tonopah Extension company, as a measure of retaliation against the claims and possible suit of the Tonopah Mining company, is prepared to start an apex suit over an extracted claim to one that was reported mined in the south vein in the Tonopah claim, which appears to be an adjoining claim to the Tonopah Extension.

From the action of the stocks in the market, that are likely to be involved in this litigation, it would seem as if shareholders are not inclined to take the news very seriously. Expectation, among some stockholders, is that the suits will be settled by the differences.—J. A. Minnear & Co.

Jumbo Extension. A Goldfield article states that seven feet of high grade ore have been reported up at the Jumbo mine, which the Jumbo Extension company is acquiring from the Goldfield Mining Union on a lease and work basis. The ore is being mined in the extension of the north-west shaft, which lies below the 327 foot level and the same extent of the vein.

The Jumbo Extension company has been developing this vein by advancing a drift northwesterly into the Vein and westerly into the Power vein, thereby forming a point entry for a raise which the last summer from the main shaft to the extension of the Hill shaft, and of the Power vein. There has been a slight improvement in the ore since crossing the Vein line. The outcome of the Power vein is being given up as a full face of mill ore.

Huerta Mine Titles Void. Those Given By the Former President Are Declared Invalid.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Official advice from Mexico City to the state department announced the issuance of a decree annulling all mine titles granted during the Huerta administration.

The department issued the following statement on the subject: "The department of state is in receipt of official advice from Mexico City to the effect that a decree dated August 29, 1914, has been issued by the Mexican central administration annulling all mining titles obtained during the Huerta administration and declaring null and void all proceedings relative to the annulment of mining claims started during the Huerta regime.

"Sixty days from the date of the decree are allowed mining assents to make applications for the removal of all procedure previously taken. "It is further stipulated that all the payments required by the mining laws of Mexico in connection with mining titles or mining claims must be made again to the present central administration.

"All rights will be lost by persons who have not complied with the above mentioned rules before 60 days, and the mining land will thereafter be considered as open to denouncement."

Experiments are under way in India with cooling buildings by forcing currents of air through hollow walls with electric fans.

Arizona Commercial. We understand that all exploratory work has been discontinued at this property with the exception of the water drift, which is being driven on the 12th level from the Copper Hill shaft to connect with the silver shaft of the Old Dominion. No work is being done in the extension recently opened up in this level.

Our informant tells us that Arizona Commercial has opened at some very good ground in the past year, and the present ore bodies will be ready to greatly exceed what they are at present. The mine is again being developed.

Mohawk. The output of this company during the second business year, and while no official statements have been made, we understand that this company has been more fortunate than some of the other Lakes Superior companies in disposing of its output. Just how long Mohawk will continue to produce at the present rate depends entirely upon future sales of the metal. So far, however, there has been no indication of curtailment other than a cut in the wages, which was to be expected with normal output of the 12 cent mark.

Amalgamated. The directors of this company are due to take action on the dividend between Oct. 16th and 19th. The cut in the Amalgamated dividend from 75c to 50c is believed to forecast a cut in the Amalgamated dividend from \$1.50 to 50c a share quarterly. Curtailment of production, a drop in the copper metal market and an over-supply of the red metal on hand are all accountable for the reduction in the Amalgamated dividend.

Shannon Copper. This company has closed down its mines at both Metcalf and Gleason. The smelter will also be closed just as soon as the present stock of ore has been treated.

Crown Reserves. This company is steadily developing its portion of the area under the recently unwatered Kerr Lake in the Cobalt district by means of crosscuts, and is reaching a point where important developments are expected. Just what will be realized from the ore which is known to exist under the lake will be disclosed in a very short time.—J. A. Minnear & Co.

Butte & Superior. The shares of this company continue to sell above the closing prices as of

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"LITTLE CHURCH" CELEBRATES

Sixty-Six Years Since the Edifice Became Famous.

New York, Oct. 3.—The parish of the Church of the Transfiguration will be sixty-six years old next week and arrangements are being made for special morning and afternoon services Sunday to celebrate the anniversary.

In all America no church is better known to the general public than the Church of the Transfiguration. The name by which it is commonly known is the "Little Church Around the Corner."

A number of years ago, when George Holland, the popular actor, died, many of his friends and acquaintances desired a public funeral.

The veteran actor had been a good man, faithful, laborious, honest, respected by all who knew him. Joseph Jefferson, on behalf of the family of Mr. Holland, made application to the Rev. Mr. Salome, then presiding over a church at the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Madison avenue, to officiate at the funeral. Learning that the deceased had been an actor, the clergyman recommended Mr. Jefferson to go to "a little church around the corner," where such things were done.

"All honor to the little church around the corner," exclaimed the actor, as he left the clergyman, and, seeing the rector of the little church he found in the Rev. George H. Houghton, a man who was not ashamed to read the burial service over a dead actor. The press took up the story, and the Church of the Transfiguration, rechristened "The Little Church Around the Corner" was lifted out of the obscurity of an ordinary place of worship and became for all time the church of the players.

GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA ARE BEING SEIZED BY THE SOLDIERS OF KING GEORGE

Although, of course, overshadowed by the campaigns in Europe, events are occurring in Africa that, according to the British view, will contribute to the destruction of the German empire.

The announcement by Gen. Botha at the opening session of the Union of South Africa parliament on Sept. 3, cabled to New York that a military organization had been completed for offensive purposes in German Southwest Africa conveys but a vague idea of the real position.

That colony is now being attacked from the sea and by two expeditionary forces operating on the land side, with, it is said, the certainty that—if this has not already occurred—it will be taken in the course of the next few days, or weeks at most. The recent unsuccessful attempt by a small party of Germans to invade British Bechuanaland and their abandonment of the coast towns of German southwest Africa indicate the straits in which the local German forces are placed. They have already removed the guns intended for seaward defense from Luderitzbucht to Windhoek, where they have entrenched themselves with an enormous stock of provisions, and it was from that inland town that the sortie which met with disastrous results to the kaiser's troops was made into Uptington, Bechuanaland.

Pre-war maps show that Germany has four colonies in Africa, namely: 1. Togoland, on the Gold coast. 2. The colony of Kamerun, in the Gulf of Guinea, with a hinterland extending inland to French Equatorial Africa. 3. German East Africa, which lies immediately south of the equator, and 4. German South west Africa, which is hemmed in on three sides, respectively, by Portuguese West Africa, Bechuanaland, and the Cape Colony, while the only harbor of importance on the coast of the vast area (322,000 square miles) of that German possession—Walvisch bay—is owned by the British.

Capture of Value. Of these colonies, Togoland has already been taken as the consequence of a combined British and French attack by sea and land. The capture of this territory is of great value, as, apart from the fact that it was the only one of the German colonies that did not encroach on imperial revenues, it was the chief station of a German over-sea wireless system, which will probably soon be converted from the Teutonic telefunken to that of the better known Marconi.

The Kamerun colony, the seat of government of which has surrendered to a British force, is entirely destitute of harbor accommodation of navigable rivers, and, although possessing a rich soil, the climate is of a deadly character. It is, moreover, surrounded by British, French and Belgian territory, which would render its seizure and occupation by the allies a comparatively easy task.

German Southwest Africa is of vast importance from many points of view, and it has always been a sore point with British South Africans that Germany was ever allowed by Great Britain to annex the territory, which, by its geographical situation, should, it is asserted, have formed part of the Cape Colony. It is developing great mineral and agricultural industries, and during 1913 produced diamonds to the value of more than \$10,000,000.

The white population of German Southwest Africa is slightly under 15,000, of whom about 2,000 are South African Boers, loyal to the British empire, and a military force of approximately 3,000 men, including (before the war) quite a number of British colonists who were ex-members of the Cape Mounted Rifles when their famous corps assisted the German authorities to quell a native uprising. The natives numbered some 80,000.

In German East Africa, British cruisers destroyed the powerful wireless station at Dar-es-Salaem, thus cutting off Germany's imperial communications and practically taking possession of the only German port of importance on the east coast of Africa, the retention of which would give Great Britain an exclusive control—subject to the Portuguese ports of Beira and Delagoa bay—over the eastern and western trade routes of South Africa. On the other hand, Portugal, England's ancient ally, is at present co-operating with the British forces in East Africa.

South Africa has probably the most effective military organization of all the British over-sea dominions. Not only are there the fighting forces of the government of the union, but also the citizens forces, consisting, to a great extent, of veterans of South African wars, and it is due to that combination, available for offensive as well as defensive operations, that the British government has been able to release the imperial garrison of about 5,000 men for service in Europe.

FIVE ARRESTS FOLLOW DEATH OF COAST BOXER. San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 3.—Five arrests have been made as the result of the death of Elmer Sexton, a pugilist fighting under the ring name of "Bill Huddle," who succumbed early Thursday morning to the effects of a beating administered Wednesday night in a six-round bout with Arthur (Knock-out) Carroll.

Those arrested were Gregory Mitchell, matchmaker for James W. Coffroth, promoter of the fight; Bert McCullough, the referee; Carroll, the surviving principal; and two seconds. The defendants were admitted to \$2,500 cash bail in the case of Carroll and \$500 for each of the others.

Sexton collapsed after weathering the entire six rounds against his opponent who outclassed him. He did not again recover consciousness. An autopsy showed that death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

The dead boxer was a son of J. C. Sexton, a railroad conductor of Omaha, Neb., and his mother is Mrs. Charles Owens of Dunbar, Iowa.

Sexton and Carroll supplied one of the preliminary bouts to the Chip-Murray contest. News that the fight had resulted fatally was received with consternation in pugilistic circles Thursday, while supporters of the anti-prize fight referendum law, to be voted on in the November election, were quick to seize on the tragedy as an argument to be impressed on voters.

BOSTON CURB EXCHANGE TO BE RE-OPENED ON MONDAY

The governing committee of the Boston curb exchange have decided to re-open the exchange on Monday, Oct. 5.

The committee of five has ruled that orders to buy and sell stocks listed on the Boston stock exchange and closing at 15 or under, may be submitted at concessions from the closing prices.

The decision of the governing committee to re-open the curb exchange is considered preliminary toward the opening of the listed exchange.—Paine, Webber & Co.

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