

A. C. M. MAY DEVELOP CHROMIUM

Chromium Deposits Of Carbon And Stillwater Counties Are Involved

Washington reports of plans for development of Montana chrome deposits by Anaconda Copper Mining company brought no comments from ACM officials but these reports brought confirmation to rumors of recent weeks that Anaconda was negotiating for the properties of Montana Chrome company of Billings.

Montana Chrome, Inc., holds 44 unpatented claims in Carbon county and 74 in Sweet Grass county, having perhaps the largest chromium reserves of any Montana company. The corporation, organized in 1933, is headed by Dr. L. W. Allard of Billings, president; H. B. Blair, vice president, Ernest E. Murray, secretary-treasurer and E. B. Hubbard, manager and mining engineer. The company was organized to develop the claims on Hell Roaring creek, said to be the richest ore in Montana.

A second deal is pending, involving the properties of Chromium Products corporation of Livingston, a Canadian firm having taken leases on this company's Benbow group of claims in Stillwater county. This company claims better than 1,000,000 tons of chrome ore above the level of its 500-foot tunnel. This ore is said to average 27% chromic oxide, and concentration tests show that concentrates will assay 44% chromic oxide with a 93% recovery.

The Canadian corporation is said to have developed a method of handling marginal chromium ores that will make the Montana metal suitable for use in eastern steel plants. Extensive work has been done on the ore taken from the Chromium Products properties, 40 miles southwest of Columbus.

Montana Chrome has spent a large amount of money in development work on its claims and in experimental work. An electric smelting process was developed in cooperation with officials of the A.C.M. and Montana Power but has not yet been developed beyond a pilot plant.

The Washington account follows: WASHINGTON—The government was reported to be negotiating with the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. for development of chrome deposits in Montana to increase supplies of the metal, an essential in production of certain alloy steels.

Officials of the office of production management said that studies have been made of new chrome supplies, as well as other metals, but they would not disclose the names of any firms with which they had been discussing the situation.

In other quarters however, it was learned that Anaconda has been approached on the matter and that through the Reconstruction Finance Corp. or one of its subsidiaries.

The chrome deposits in Montana were said to be of low grade ore and their development was described as having been unprofitable when sufficient imports were available.

Latest available figures show that the United States produced only 3,614 tons of chrome in 1939 and imported 317,511 tons of chromite ore that year. It was estimated the Montana deposits could produce about 60,000 tons of chrome concentrates, which are partially processed chromite ores, a year and that production must be started by fall.

Comments On News
Commenting on the news, the Great Falls Tribune on Wednesday said:

Development of Montana's chrome deposits, proposed Tuesday in discussions reported out of Washington, D. C., between the government and the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., has long been a goal of mining engineers who have studied the mineral resources of the Treasure state.

Local engineers said it was probable the prime feature in the present development plans was the utilization of a new method of concentrating ferro-chrome ore such as is abundant in this state. Previously the high iron content and the lack of an economical method of concentration and reduction has been a stumbling block to those seeking to capitalize on Montana deposits.

Recently an announcement was carried in news dispatches, and later in trade journals, of the development of a formula that utilized electric furnaces for the task of freeing the chrome of its high iron content.

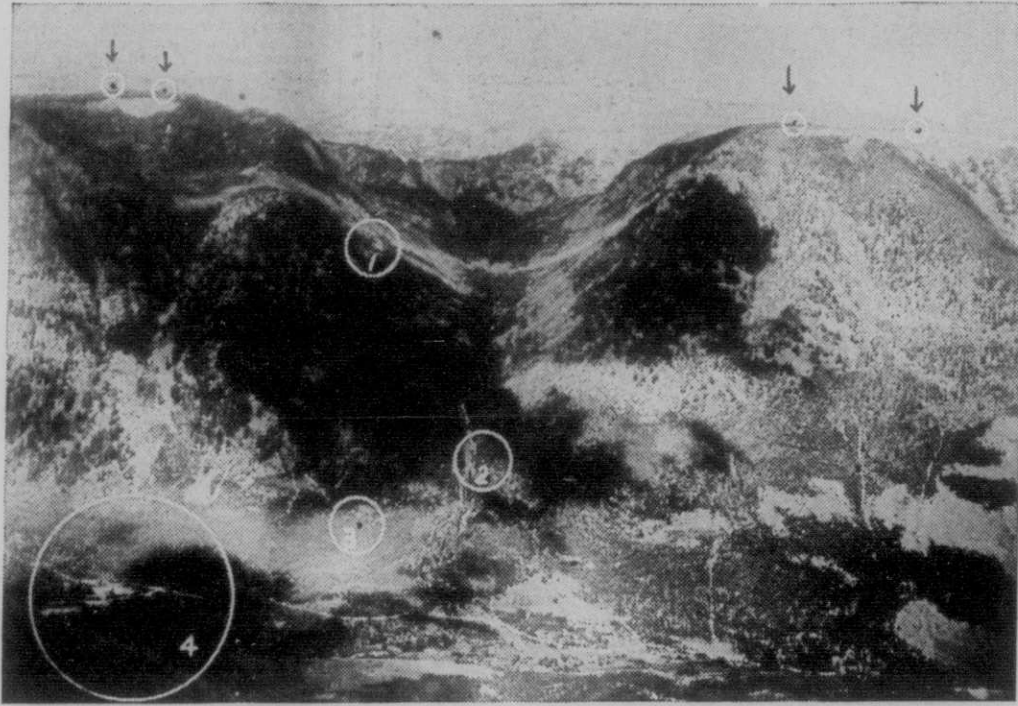
The United States geological survey has made public a survey which shows large deposits in Stillwater and Carbon counties and smaller bodies of ore in Sweet Grass, Park and Madison counties.

Engineers said it was probable concentration and reduction of the ferrochrome ore—utilizing electric power—would be done close to the deposits, as it was simpler to transport the power to the mills than to carry the ore to Anaconda or Great Falls.

A few years ago a group of Livingston men organized to seek some way to develop deposits in the southern part of the state. A research laboratory was established and considerable experimentation conducted, but to date no development has come from that quarter.



MOUNTAIN OF CHROMIUM ORE IN MONTANA



This is a view of Hell Roaring Mountain, the numbered circles showing where chromium ore has been found in the development work of Montana Chrome, Inc., whose properties are said to be involved in a development program sponsored by the United States Government, together with Anaconda Copper Mining Company. Development of chromium is expected to be the closest rival to the Butte copper mines in employment in Montana. With the development work will come construction of smelters and in turn this is likely to hasten development of Montana's vast deposits of high quality iron ore, also molybdenum and other deposits essential to the stainless steel industry. Mining engineers say that once this program is undertaken, it will open up a vast new industry in Montana, irrespective of the national defense program, in years to come.

LEASING PLAN MEETING TOPIC IS WAGE-HOUR

An informal fact-finding conference on leasing systems in the metal-mining industry will be held March 18, 1941, at Salt Lake City, Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announces. The conference will be before Dorothy M. Williams, Regional Attorney for the Division in San Francisco.

The conference is being held on the question of whether lessees of mine operators are employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. An opinion on this question was expressed by Colonel Fleming in July, 1940, at the request of metal mine operators and lessees of such operators in the intermountain states. Colonel Fleming stated that if under the lease agreement control and supervision over the operations of the so-called lessee are reserved to the lessor, such lease agreement embodies the normal incidents of the employer-employee relationship and the so-called lessees will be considered as employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. On the other hand, Colonel Fleming further stated, if a particular lessee is operating mining property which is not a part of the property currently being operated by the mining company with regular employees, and if in the lease agreement the mining company does not have the right to control the lessee in his operation of the mining property, it may well be that the lessee is not an employee of the mine owner but is in fact an independent operator of such property.

At the conclusion of the coming conference the Administrator will announce a further interpretation on the question of the existence of the employer-employee relationship between mine operators and so-called mining lessees.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of C. C. Berg, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of C. C. Berg, Deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them within the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administrator at the office of R. K. West, 305-6 First National Bank Building, Great Falls, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the County of Cascade.

Dated February 13, 1941.
R. K. WEST,
Administrator of the Estate of C. C. Berg, Deceased.

R. K. WEST,
Attorney for Administrator,
305-6 First National Bank Bldg.,
Great Falls, Montana.
Date of first publication Feb. 22, 1941.

CALL FOR BIDS ON STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES, MARCH 12, 1941

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Montana will receive bids at open competitive bidding at the State Land Office in the State Capitol at 2:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 12, 1941, for oil and gas leases on the following described lands:

Tract No.	Sub-division	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Acres
1.	NE1/4	36	4N	61E	200
2.	E1/2	24	5N	50E	320

This Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For further information apply to: NANITA B. SHERLOCK, Secretary State Board of Land Commissioners Helena, Montana.
Date of first publication Feb. 22, 1941.

SALE OF OIL LEASES
An auction sale of oil and gas leases covering Tribal Indian reservations will be held at the Blackfeet Indian Agency, Browning, Montana, March 4, 1941, at 1:30 in the afternoon. The land is located in the south Cut Bank field where some nice wells have been brought in lately. The royalty is one-eighth. For description of the lands and other particulars call upon or write C. L. Graves, Superintendent, Browning, Montana.
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TAILINGS BILL IS KILLED BY LEGISLATORS

The mines committee of the house of representatives of the Montana state legislature this week killed the noxious bill known as HB 254, requiring leveling of tailings by dredge operators.

Also killed were these bills:
HB 246—Regulating the ventilation of quartz mines. (Adverse committee report.)

HB 178—Regulating time of blasting in coal mines. (Adverse committee report.)

HB 317—Taxing mechanical coal loading machines. (Adverse committee report.)

The house passed HB 179, providing all coal mine operators be covered by workmen's compensation and the bill has been transmitted to the senate. Friday was the final day for transmitting bills.

HB 226 was passed, relating to sale of mining property in estates of deceased persons.

The only bill effecting either the oil or mining industry signed by the governor during the week was HB 44, providing for the deduction of capital.

MINES HONOR ROLL HAS 24

BUTTE — Twenty-four students of Montana School of Mines won places on the honor roll for the first semester, according to announcement made by Registrar W. M. Brown.

The list names 22 engineering students and two general students. Freshmen placed seven students on the honor roll of engineering students. There are six juniors, five seniors and four sophomores on the list.

Those on the honor roll are: Charles N. Dougherty, Frank E. Jeniker, William R. Stern, Thomas A. Prater, James H. McMahon, Henry J. Roletto, James W. Telpner, Earl Roberts, Betty Bleichner, Helen McDonald, all of Butte; James Kelly, Dillon; David Thompson, Kalspell; William N. Warren, Suffolk; William H. Love, East Helena; Ralph R. Swartz, Missoula; Albert E. Letsy, Klein.

Also, Raymond M. Thompson, Judith Gap; Millard L. Reyner, Silver Star; Denver M. Graham, Great Falls; Raymond J. Kujawa, Libby; John B. Calkins, Spokane, Wash.; Robert L. Fraser, Albuquerque, N. M.; Charles J. Lindstrom, Stratford, Conn., and Russell Cradwick, Englewood, N. J.

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FEBRUARY 20, 1941
(No Spokane Market Friday)

Clayton Silver	13	16
Dayrock	35	45
Golconda	3 1/2	4 1/4
Grandview	13	14
Hecla Mining	5.70	6.00
Jack Waite	15	18
Metaline	25	29
North Butte	30	32
Polarine	50	60
Lexington	11 1/2	13 1/2
Sherman Lead	19 1/2	21
Standard Silver Lead	6	8
Tamarack	25	30
Bunker Hill	11.75	12.50

CURBS

Callahan	90	1.30
Pend Orle	1.22	1.32
Premier Gold	.60	.80

OVER THE COUNTER

Mont. Power Pfd	108.00	110.00
Wash Water Power	98.00	100.00

METALS

Lead, New York	.0550
Zinc, East St. Louis	.0725
Copper, Domestic	12 1/4

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASCADE.

SUMMONS

ADELINE D. BELLAMY, Plaintiff,
vs.
LAWSON E. BELLAMY, Defendant.
THE STATE OF MONTANA Sends Greetings to the Above Named Defendants, and to Each of Them:
You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon one of you in each County wherein any of you reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you, by default, for the relief demanded in the complaint. This is an action for divorce on the grounds of willful desertion of plaintiff by defendant and by reason of defendant's cruelty towards plaintiff, all of which is set forth in the complaint to which reference is hereby made.
Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this 21st day of February, 1941.

AGNES SCHRAPP, Clerk.
By T. G. BRADFORD, Deputy Clerk.
SWANBERG & SWANBERG,
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
727-331 Ford Building,
Great Falls, Montana.
Date of first publication February 22, 1941.

MRS. STALNAKER PASSES
The entire Montana oil industry shared the grief this week of Charles Stalnaker, widely known well shooter, for the loss of his wife who passed away suddenly in West Virginia, of pneumonia. The Stalnakers were on a vacation trip when Mrs. Stalnaker was stricken. The funeral was held in Shelby Thursday.

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