

HISTORIC MINE BEING FLOODED

(By Associated Press)
 HELENA, Mont., Aug. 18.—Pumps have been drawn and the North Butte mine, one of the famous copper properties of the Butte district, is being permitted to flood with water up to the 2,800 foot level, from which point there is drainage to an adjoining mine. Depletion of a considerable portion of the ore reserves and the present discouraging conditions of the metal market are given for the abandonment.

The North Butte mine has been the scene of two disastrous accidents, the most recent of which, in June, 1917, cost 183 lives. The other, in 1914, resulted in more than a score of fatalities.

It was in the North Butte in 1917 that Manus Duggan contrived the plan of improvising a bulkhead during the fire. His cool-headedness at that time is said to have saved the lives of more than twenty miners whom he had led to an old drift where they took refuge from the deadly gases behind a bulkhead built of boards and clothing. Duggan lost his life attempting to rescue a miner.

Since this fire the improvised bulkhead has been resorted to by fire-trapped miners in various disasters and on several occasions has resulted in the saving of lives. In the Arzonat mine fire in California a year ago the plan was followed, without success. It is then said to have been suggested by a man who was with Duggan and his comrades in 1917.

The North Butte has produced millions of dollars worth of ore and was said to have been one of the most up-to-date ventilations of its kind in the world. Ventilation experiments were carried on continually and the canvas air-circulation system developed to a high degree. It was equipped with various safety devices, including steel fire-trap doors and emergency refuse rooms equipped with cold air.

Few mines, once allowed to flood, are reopened, and it is thought doubtful by Montana mining men whether the famous old North Butte will ever again be operated.

Pony Express Operation Depicted in Magazine

OMAHA, Aug. 18.—How the old Pony Express operated during the Civil War and how it is to be re-erected this month, is told in the Union Pacific Magazine, which is being distributed today. The magazine, edited by William F. Cody Goodman, will lead off on the first lap from St. Joseph, Missouri on August 31. The run will end at San Francisco on California's Admission Day, September 9. The fastest Pony Express record of 7 days and 17 hours, which was made with President Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861, may be broken, although the celebration this year was designed to call attention to the Pony Express rather than to break records. The route of the old Pony Express closely parallels the route of the San Francisco-Overland Limited of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific, except that the train goes through Omaha and the Pony Express started at St. Joseph. Of the old Pony Express riders recorded in history, only a survivor, Charles Cliff of St. Joseph, who may ride for a few blocks in St. Joseph before turning over his mount to Buffalo Bill's Nephew, W. H. Streeter of Farmington, Utah, Tom Knapman of Los Angeles, Charles Becker of Westfall, Oregon, and John Seebach and William Pridham, both of Alameda, California. The Pony Express lasted from April 3, 1859 to October 24, 1861, when the Pacific Telegraph was completed. Many of the pony expressmen later became drivers for Ben Halladay's stage line that was discontinued upon the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory, Utah, connecting the Union and Central Pacific.

The Pony Express required the services of 30 riders, 420 horses, 120 stations and 400 station men. The longest continuous trip without a formal rest period was 222 miles made by Buffalo Bill at the age of 15.

Inland "Ocean" Is Down Again.

(By Associated Press)
 SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 18.—The Great Salt Lake, which on June 1 this year reached the highest level since 1852, is again receding, according to J. Cecil Alter, meteorologist in this city.

The evaporation, Mr. Alter says, started June 15, when the lake was eight feet above zero of the water gauge, six inches higher than the previous record of thirty-four years ago. Mr. Alter expresses the opinion that the lake will continue to recede for this year at least.

Great Salt Lake according to geologists, is a remnant of the former Lake Bonneville, which many thousand years ago extended over what is now western Utah and Nevada and was drained by the Columbia River.

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SEES FAME FOR ALASKAN APPLE

(By Associated Press)
 ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 18.—Within five years it is expected that Alaskan apples will be among the fruits on the markets of the world, gauged by experiments being conducted in various parts of the temperate zone of the territory along the Turnagain Arm. Several varieties have been produced and from the original stock other seedlings will be propagated. Growing apple, and pears has long been an industry in Finland, growers state, and the same system used in introducing the fruit there is being employed in Alaska. It consists of digging a hole four feet in depth and six feet in circumference, into which fertilizer is packed like a hot bed. The trees is set in this spring and when cold weather approaches the tree is covered with a frame and an old carpet.

The same system of underground forcing has been applied to straw-berries with the result that the fruit has been advanced at least 30 months, growers state. Among the latest berry to be introduced into the far north is the thornless black-berries, which the fruit growers assert, bids fair to become another desirable variety of garden fruit.

"GAS" TAX BIG COIN PRODUCE

(By Associated Press)
 CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 18.—The treasury of Wyoming is enriched by more than \$22,000 in the first two months of operation of the new gasoline tax of one cent per gallon, according to figures compiled by John M. Snyder, state treasurer. In April, the first month in which the law, passed at the latest session of the legislature, was collected, a total of \$8,164 was collected. In May the amount increased to \$14,221.

The total for June, not yet reported, is expected to exceed \$20,000 for July and August the amount is expected to be in excess of \$1,000,000 per month. The estimate of the state highway department, that a new law would bring in a total of more than \$100,000 per year, will prove conservative, it is anticipated by state officials.

Standard Welcomes Probe.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Directors of the Standard Oil Company, at a meeting here Thursday, denounced without announcing any action to meet the raise in price of gasoline in South Dakota, effective Saturday, when Governor W. H. McMaster announced he would advance prices to within 3.5 cents of the price before the price reduction competition was started.

The Standard, however, offered its aid to Governor McMaster in his announced intention to investigate conditions in the industry. The Standard Oil Company of Indiana, reduced prices 5.8 cents through its territory, after Governor McMaster had ordered state depots in South Dakota to sell gasoline for 14 cents and the Standard had met the price.

Local oil men said they looked for a change in prices in the 10 states included in the territory of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana before the first of the week, despite the fact that in the previous step in the "war" South Dakota has led the way.

Front Hole in Van.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Aug. 18.—Coon and mink have been making serious inroads into the supply of trout in the streams of New Hampshire, according to John L. Bartlett, commissioner of fisheries and game. Low water has forced the fish in large numbers to take refuge in deep holes and pools. "It is right here," says Mr. Bartlett, "that the animal fishermen, lovers of brook trout as much as the epicures of the human family, come into their own. Trapped in these holes and unable to make their escape, trout, even the larger specimens, readily become victims of the sly mink and coon."

Polish Diet Aids Sports.

WARSAW, July 22 (By Mail)—A special Sports Commission of the Diet has been formed to deal with all matters of statistics and physical education in Poland. One of the first decisions of this commission was that no resolution of a legislative character will be passed without previous communication with the Polish Committee of the Olympiad and the Polish Union of sporting organizations.

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THEATRES

CLEAN SPORT INFLUENCES BOYS IN U.S.

"Trifling With Honor" at Star Theatre Shows Power of Heroes Over Youth.

That the influence of sports on the American youth of today is very great is graphically brought out in "Trifling With Honor," the Universal-Jewel photoplay now showing at the Star Theatre.

The introduction of almost every branch of athletics in the public school has augmented this influence to a marked degree. Athletics have a prominence in the life of every normal youth that can hardly be over-emphasized. Every youth has his favorite game and his heroes are the athletes who excel in that sport.

Jimmy Hunt, the messenger boy in "Trifling With Honor," was a baseball fan. He never missed a game in his home town, and he practiced swinging a bat so much around the house that he broke all of the electrical fixtures. And he adored Bat Shugrue, the home run king of the Pacific Coast League. Bat was his idol. He stood ready to fight any youth who proclaimed that any player was better than Bat and he read the sport pages every day for news of his hero.

When he read a series of articles about Bat's life, written under Bat's own signature, he devoured every line of copy and believed it. The stories were evoked in the imaginative brain of a sports writer, but they pictured the great Bat as the ideal type of manhood, grown out of a boyhood unimpeachable. And Jimmy, who was as tough a youngster as ever led a can on an old dog's tail, threw his cigarettes away, shifted a smothering type of jaw to normal and reformed utterly.

After Jimmy reformed he set forth to make the personal acquaintance of his hero and the meeting, under most dramatic circumstances, leads to the reformation of "Bat." Throughout Director Pollard has handled the story with the artistic and dramatic finesse that makes all of his productions stand forth as masterpieces of the cinema art.

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