

ITALY MINING GOLD IN ALPS

Shaft at 8,350 Feet Is Highest in World

Gold Workings Known in Days of Roman Empire Are Expanded

Rome (U.P.)—Italy may have relatively few gold mines but at least it has the highest one in the world.

Located at Val Moriana, it is 8,350 feet above sea level. It is situated in the almost impassable center of the Pennine Alps, not far from the towering Mount Rosa and only a few kilometers from the Swiss frontier.

The vein of gold begins at Quarrazzola at about 6,600 feet and runs up to Val Moriana at 8,350 feet. The entrance to the mine is at Palone del Dobbie at 8,350 feet.

Exploited by Romans

This region was not recently discovered as a gold bearing district. The Romans exploited it in the days before Christ. The ancients, however, worked at the more accessible regions and never came even remotely near to Val Moriana. The best proof that it was impervious is the fact that the Romans, who knew that gold was there, were unable to exploit it.

Before the World War three Italian companies tried and successively admitted failure in attempting to extract this precious harvest from the subsoil—at a profit.

With the introduction of new mining methods, the fascists again tackled this mine a few years ago. New extraction methods made it a paying proposition within a short time.

Mining officials here say that the mine averages between eight and ten grams to the ton. They contend that some of the higher, practically virgin veins will yield as much as 50 grams to the ton.

Modern Village at Mine

Today Val Moriana is an active mining center. At 8,350 feet there is a modern mining village. Here are electric power houses for light, heat and machinery, houses, hydraulic plants, explosive deposits and the latest mining equipment for the working of the mine.

From the entrance of the mine to Quarrazzola there is a telephic with a 4,300-foot span. At Quarrazzola there is a larger village for miners and their families. A second telephic leads down to Crocette valley, where there is the third, largest and most modern of the mining villages. Here also are hydro-electric centers, laboratories and experiment centers.

Fascists say that eventually they intend to exploit the entire region. Before this can be done, however, roads will have to be constructed to reach these inaccessible regions.

MILD WINTER IS EMPLOYMENT AID

Relief Costs Lower for Winter Months

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children programs.

The ease load for persons over 65 increased from 111 in January, 1938, to 148 in December. This increase was largely dependent on the fact that with the first of last year the age

limit was reduced from 70 to 65 years. The ease load grew in 1937, also. The cost of the program was \$32,287,500 last year and was \$22,815,500 in 1937. The cost of caring for persons over 65 is divided into one-half for the federal government, and one-quarter each for the state and county.

The children's program expenditures for 1937 and 1938 cannot be compared, because the program did not begin until June, 1937. In that month there were four cases and in December of this year there were 17. The cost in 1937 was \$2,018.60 and in 1938 was \$6,422. The expenses are borne by the federal, state, and county governments on a proportion dependent upon the number of children in the families.

Only one person is aided under the program for the blind. Fifteen dollars a month was granted until September when the allowance was raised to \$30. The increase in cost during the past year was \$20.

The total cost for the four programs was \$16,301.90 greater last year than in the previous year. Deschutes county's share of the total 1938 cost of \$71,169.69 was \$21,138.28. That figure consists of \$10,708.73 for general assistance, \$8,071.88 for old age assistance, \$2,367.67 for aid to dependent children, and \$50 for aid to the blind. The total budget figure showed \$25,506.01 spent, \$4,367.73 of which was for administrative cost.

The state's share of the \$71,169.69 total cost was \$31,981, and the federal government's share was \$18,650.41. With the decline in the number of persons aided through assignment to WPA projects, it is anticipated that the relief load under social security programs will be increased. Deschutes county's budget for 1938 was \$25,506 and this year is \$30,200. In addition, Miss Jackson said, it will probably be necessary to spend the liquor fund which has been collected as a special relief fund from distributions made by the state. That fund amounts to \$2,563.19 now and will probably increase to about \$1,000 by the end of 1939.

In anticipation of this growing load for relief, a budget of \$41,520 was asked from the county for 1939 including \$21,500 for general assistance. The budget allowed for that one program is only \$12,000, \$1,200 less than for 1938. In an estimated budget drawn last September it was predicted that relief costs would increase 25 per cent this year and that the county would be asked to spend about \$45,000 for relief.

In the survey of expenditures for the general assistance, old age assistance, and aid to dependent children programs made by the state relief committee, Deschutes county compares favorably with other counties in the number of cases per 1,000 population. This county was eighth from the bottom of the last for general assistance and aid to dependent children, tenth from the bottom for old age assistance.

Round the World

(By United Press)

Moscow, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Mme Paulina Zhebruchuzhina, wife of Premier Vlaschovskiy, became the first woman cabinet minister of the Soviet Union today with her appointment as commissar for the fishing industry.

Washington, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—The agriculture department announced the resignation today of Jesse W. Tapp as president of the federal surplus commodities corporation and associate AAA administrator. Milo H. Perkins succeeds him.

London, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—The Daily Herald financial expert reported today that arrangements had been nearly completed for a British loan of £3,000,000 (\$14,010,000) to China, to support Chinese currency and stabilize exchange rates.

Straight for the Stratosphere Heads 22 Tons



Under a full load of 22½ tons the new "Stratoliner" transport plane heads toward the clouds on a test flight at Seattle, Wash. Note the sharp angle of climb.

Berlin, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Czechoslovak foreign minister, arrived today for a series of talks with Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

Moscow, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—The growing influence of Lenin's ideals in the United States is evidenced by the liberation of Tom Mooney, Earl Browder, secretary general of the communist party of the United States, said today in an article published by Pravda.

New York, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Oscar Getz of Chicago, holder of \$10,000 in Baltimore & Ohio railroad company bonds, filed suit in U. S. district court today seeking to throw the carrier into receivership.

Bradford, England, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Willie Brooke, 42, labor member of parliament, died today.

Chungking, China, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—The Chinese central news agency reported today that after the Chinese recapture of Ching-shen, Taining, Ninghsiang and Yumen in western Shansi provinces, Chinese troops were advancing eastward to the Tungpu railroad.

London, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Sir Dawson Bates, minister of home affairs in northern Ireland, arrived today with a "murder list" of 20 prominent English and Irish officials in Ulster, alleged to have been drawn up by republican terrorists. The list was handed to Scotland yard.

Junior High Hoopers Win Prineville Game

Bend Junior high heavyweights, sparked by Donald Dyer, forward who scored 18 points, defeated Prineville upper grade stars 31 to 22 last night in Prineville. In a preliminary game, Powell Butte boys defeated the Bend midsets 24 to 15.

In the main game, played on the high school court in the Crook county town, Dyer did not really hit his stride until the last half, when he scored 13 points. Dut to close guarding, not intentional roughness many fouls were called.

Assisting Dyer in the winning attack were Art Waller, forward; Oscar Lafferty and Bob Powell, effective guards, and Ruper Brentano, center. Substitutes used by Bend included Fuls, Carter, Melland and Dunlap. Stahanczyk starred for the Prineville boys. The game was hard and fast.

Maurice Pease was in charge of the Bend squads.

RUPPERT HEIR IS FRIGHTENED

Legacy Unexpected, Says Helen Weyant

New York, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Helen Winthrop Weyant, 37, slender, brown-haired former chorus girl, who inherited a third of the \$70,000,000 estate of Col. Jacob Ruppert, said today that she was "surprised and frightened."

She said she had met the brewer, real estate operator and owner of the New York Yankees 14 years ago—when she was 23 and he was 57—four years before she appeared under the name Winthrop Wayne in the chorus of "The Merry Malones," and as a minor player in "Three Cheers."

She had been a guest at Ruppert's country place in Garrison, N. Y., many times and had kept company with him on many occasions but had never gone to baseball games with him and regarded him as "a friend of the family," she said.

The last time she saw him was the day before he died last week, and she had no idea then that she was a beneficiary in his will, she said. The will, filed for probate yesterday, named her as principal heiress. She was to receive \$300,000 outright, and share equally in the remainder of the estate with Ruppert's two nieces.

Miss Weyant lives with her mother in a modestly-furnished apartment. Her father, George Wellington Weyant, died three years ago.

Her mother was equally surprised that Miss Weyant should have been named in the will. They had first received the news last Tuesday, when the will was read to a family gathering, with Miss Weyant present. It was learned.

Although she had known of her inheritance for three days, Miss Weyant was almost hysterical when she admitted newspaper reporters to her apartment to discuss her good fortune. She said she felt "awfully honored." Asked what she intended doing with the money, she said, "good, I hope."

Her brother, Rex Weyant, it was disclosed, had been on the payroll of Ruppert's baseball team for three years as assistant to the road secretary, Mark Roth.

She said she was "honored" to have been named in the will; that she had never been married and had no intention of marrying soon.

PEACE GOES TO PIECES

Haverhill, Mass. (U.P.)—Patrolman Timothy J. Mahoney lost his marriage and also his trousers—while chasing a peace disturber. The culprit got away, and the city council got a bill for \$8 for a pair of trousers to replace the pair shredded by nails atop a fence which the policeman hurled.

ACCOMMODATION WEDDING

Rockville, Conn. (U.P.)—Just to accommodate friends who were unable to attend their marriage at Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Nat N. Schwedel went through the ceremony again when they returned here to live.

Grange Hall

Grange Hall, Jan. 21 (Special)—Miss Dorothy Young arrived Wednesday from Reed college, Portland, to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. R. J. Young, who was buried Friday in Greenwood cemetery. Miss Young will stay with her father, E. H. Young, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pepper have moved back on to their ranch. They have been living in Bend the past few months.

Mrs. C. L. Smith entertained the Home Economics club Thursday. The new officers of the club were installed were, chairman, Mrs. E. Ackley; vice chairman, Mrs. C. L. Smith; secretary, Mrs. O. M. Olausen; treasurer, Mrs. John Franke. Twelve members and four guests were present.

Mr. Harold Denny of Seattle arrived Wednesday evening to help care for her father, Fred Hettman, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schilling and daughter, Naomi, returned to The Dalles Monday after spending several months at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kentner. The two women are sisters.

W. H. Conkling has leased the George McAllister ranch for a year and will take immediate possession. Mrs. Eugene Ackley will entertain the Grange Hall aid Thursday, Jan. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Linton DeLude have moved to Bend, having lived on the Paiper place the past year.

Mrs. O. M. Olausen drove a group of young people to the Hoodop bowl Friday where they enjoyed the skiing.

"BARROOM" IN GIN BOTTLE. Akron, Ohio (U.P.)—A barroom, complete even to spigots, bartender, and customers, and built within a gin bottle, is owned by Lute Hausman. "We don't know who made it, although my wife and I have owned the curio for the past 10 years," he said. "Someone must have spent a long time making it, because the whole thing is hand-carved."

There were skillful jugglers in ancient Egypt.

SLAYER COMMITS SUICIDE IN CELL

Leaves Note Confessing Murder of Wife

Salem, Or., Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Herman S. Ross, 51, six-foot nine-inch Broadacres district farmer, committed suicide in the county jail last night eight minutes after confessing that he had murdered his wife by beating her with a stick of stove wood last Monday.

The man left a death note to his five sons and two daughters, saying the double tragedy was brought on by an outside woman, whose name did not identify. The note read: "Dear kids and officials: "Mrs. Ross is the cause of all our troubles and the death of mama. I am sorry but I have been persuaded in to this trouble. I no I ort not listened to her. May God bless you all and I hope you prosper and do well. For dear little Harold (one of his younger sons) through school if you can sell the place, if you rather, or do the best you can. May God bless you all. With love and best wishes from papa."

Rose was found in his cell with his jugular vein severed by a safety razor blade. His wrist had been slashed with the blade, and he was dead when officers discovered him. Other prisoners called attendants when they heard a "gurgling" sound in Ross's cell.

The man confessed that he had come in from a field Monday, hit his wife on the head several times with a 16-inch stick of wood, put her body at the foot of the cellar stairs, and then scattered apples and a pressure cooker about the body to indicate she had fallen to her death.

His story was at first believed and Mrs. Ross's funeral was held in Woodburn Thursday.

The woman mentioned in the suicide note was exonerated by District Attorney Lyle G. Page.

"She not only had nothing to do with the case," Page said, "but she supplied information which led to Ross's arrest."

Social Security Claims In Oregon Over \$100,000

Federal old-age insurance settlements, paid through the social security board to the families of deceased workers who were employed at covered jobs before death and to eligible persons attaining age 65, reached a total of \$102,220.38 in the state of Oregon at the end of 1938, Daniel J. Coman, Klamath Falls, manager of the social security board, announced today.

Payments to Oregon claimants during December averaged \$59.68 as compared with a national average of \$65.63. Settlements were made with 2,564 persons in this state during 1937 and 1938.

Coman said that although many families are probably not yet aware of the insurance protection afforded by the social security act in the event of the death of the wage earner, he is encouraged by the increasing number of persons who apply at his office at 611 Medical Dental Building and submit their claims.

Payments to beneficiaries are based on 3 1/2 per cent of wages earned at covered employments between January 1, 1937 and the date of death, or settlement at age 65. This means, Coman said, that the settlements are 3 1/2 times the amount paid by the worker in the form of a tax on his wages.

The one per cent rate on covered wages levied during 1937 and 1938 will continue through 1939, Coman said.

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GOLD MINING IN COLORADO BOOMS

Cripple Creek District Leading Producer

Denver (U.P.)—Gold led a mining revival which began in Colorado in 1937 and continued through 1938 near boom proportions, the state bureau of mines has revealed.

While production of most minerals showed a substantial gain over 1937, the upswing was paced by gold. More than 500,000 tons of high grade ore valued at \$5,000,000 were produced in the state during 1938.

The rise in gold production was noted particularly in the Cripple Creek district and "The Little Kingdom of Gilpin," where during the days of the famous Central City boom, miners claimed to have discovered the "richest square mile of earth in the world."

J. P. Joyce state mining commissioner said that more than 15,000 hard rock miners were employed in the Cripple Creek area during 1938. The gold boom also was felt in Boulder and Clear Creek counties, where new territory is being developed. Rich strikes were reported in regions heretofore untouched.

Mining activity reached a peak at Climax where the world's greatest molybdenum mine produced an average of 13,000 tons daily. Prosperity in this field was reflected when the Climax Molybdenum company declared a Christmas dividend of \$3,270,000. The mine is the only one of its kind in the state.

Joyce said that if tentative plans to reopen flooded workings in the Leadville district materialized silver and gold production in Colorado would reach a new high this year.

The mining commissioner said a move was underway to obtain PWA funds in 1939 to aid in draining these mines, once the greatest silver producers in the nation. It was at two-mile high Leadville that H. A. W. (Silver Dollar) Tabor made his wealth.

Most pessimistic note in the 1938 production figures was the drop of nearly 1,500,000 tons in the production of coal. The reduction was

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A young child's intelligence can be definitely changed by his environment, for better or worse, so an Iowa State university psychologist has reported.

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- 13 Narcotic.
- 15 Unalloyed.
- 16 Employed.
- 17 It is silent.
- 19 Above.
- 21 Mesh.
- 22 Lesser baron.
- 24 Sooner than.
- 25 Pronoun.
- 26 Scepter.
- 28 Prickly pear.
- 31 To take the sum of.
- 33 Instrument.
- 36 Smell.
- 37 Coalition.
- 38 To acknowledge.
- 39 To petition.
- 41 Dined.
- 42 Beer.
- 43 No good.
- 45 To strike.
- 47 Weight.
- 48 Egyptian deity.

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1 He tried to better in his times.

20 He won world through "Robinson Crusoe."

22 Wood apple.

23 Peak.

25 Rasping.

27 Clock face.

29 Alleged force.

30 Blue grass.

31 Data.

32 Female deer.

34 Hall.

35 Negative.

40 Young goat.

42 To help.

44 To seize.

46 Rust fungus spore.

47 Smooth.

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