

MIDYEAR SHOWS MINING REVIVAL IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 6.—“The mid-year finds the mineral industries of the United States generally prosperous and enjoying a revival of active development.” With this statement the director of the United States geological survey opens an official review of mining conditions as reported to him by the government geologists and statisticians working on this subject. “This revival is particularly true of some of the metals for which increased demands have been noted during the past six months. This country has been first thrown upon its own resources for mineral products required and next, given the opportunity to supply the needs of foreign countries who have offered as their trade. Comparative freedom from foreign competition and, in some important cases, increase of foreign markets have stimulated production and a general mining advance has set in.”

Summarizing the special reports at hand, Director Smith continues his review:

Iron Reassuring

The six months' record in iron is reassuring in that hopes at the beginning of the year have been realized. Ore shipments from the Lake Superior mines have begun well. May, 1915, showing a 30 per cent increase over May, 1914. The pig iron output is also promising in its steady increase month by month, so that a reasonable prophecy is for a greater total pig iron production for 1915 than for last year. Enlargement and extensions at the iron and steel plants furnish unmistakable evidence of returning business confidence.

The half-year period just completed has witnessed great changes in the copper industry and in every particular the improvement has been notable. Prices, output and wages have shown an upward trend, and prosperity is the word in the copper districts of the United States.

Demand for Lead

The demand for spelter and lead, with the present high prices, have given a double impetus to mining in the zinc-lead districts. In the Jolisin region old mines are being reopened, new shafts are being sunk and prospecting is most active. Smelters are pushed to capacity operation. The six months period has been altogether favorable for zinc mines and smelters, and the June advance in the price of lead makes the outlook bright for all lead mining.

In the minor metals the first American mine to be extensively operated for molybdenite has been opened in Colorado; a tin smelter is reported as being built in New Jersey, and the Colorado tungsten mines are working full handed on full time; an antimony smelter in California has resumed operations and a new one has been erected in the same state to work California ores; and antimony ores have been shipped from Nevada and Alaska. The demand for quicksilver has increased, with the result that the California, Nevada and Texas producers are expected to work at top capacity.

Coal and Petroleum

An unusual feature affecting coal mining has been the loss of bunker trade at the Atlantic ports, which is only partially offset by increasing exports. Reports from the west, on the other hand, show an increase in coal production over last year, and in the east the coke output has increased considerably of late, thus showing at last the effect of the recent activity in iron and other metals.

The petroleum production for the six months just closed is believed to exceed that for the corresponding period last year. Unfortunately for the producers, this increase has not been in response to a demand expressed in higher prices. On the contrary, the persistent flood of oil from the Oklahoma fields and from the new pools in Louisiana and Texas has prevented any permanent advance in price.

Increases in Output

Reports from the survey's western offices are in the main optimistic. Colorado already shows an increase in gold output over the same period in normal years, and while the six months has shown no increase in tonnage for other ores, there has been a large increase in value and the present high prices given the promise of increased mining activity during the rest of the year. Utah is expected to reach a record output and Nevada mines are being operated at usual capacity, with new activity in the old Comstock. The lead and silver production of Idaho has only recently been stimulated, but a large increase in zinc output has already been shown.

In Montana the copper mines have about reached normal conditions, the zinc production already shows a notable increase, and the gold output will be larger. New Mexico reports in-

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CZAR PREPARING NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST ENEMY

NEW YORK, July 6.—Dr. B. R. Ward of New Haven, Conn., who arrived here today on the steamship United States from Copenhagen, said that the Russians were making extensive preparations in arms and munitions for an early offensive against the Germans in Galicia. The Vologda & Archangel railroad, with newly constructed lines reached from Vologda toward the battle line, had been taken over in its entirety by the government for the transportation of munitions of war.

Since Archangel was opened to navigation, Dr. Ward asserted, ammunition-laden ships from England and Canada have been arriving almost daily. Thousands of soldiers at Archangel are busy day and night transferring munitions to trains.

"I left Petrograd about the middle of June," said Dr. Ward. "Despite the Russian reverses, there was no indication of discouragement. Thousands of new troops are in readiness to be rushed to the front as soon as the danger of another shortage of munitions is passed. They are simply awaiting ammunition and equipment. Within ten miles of Petrograd over 600,000 troops are incamped."

"While Russia is not receiving much help from Japan in the form of munitions or men, I know of my own knowledge that hundreds of trained Japanese officers are engaged in drilling Russian troops in the use of heavy artillery. At the hotel in Petrograd where I lived there were seventeen Japanese artillery officers, the majority of whom had served in the siege of Port Arthur. They made no secret of their presence or of what they were doing."

MEDFORD BREAKS EVEN AT YREKA

Medford won the first and lost the second game of the double-header at Yreka Monday. The score for the first game was 6 to 5 in favor of Medford and the second 9 to 7 in favor of Yreka. Bolin pitched the first game for Medford and Custer and Pernoll the second. Custer lacked his usual effectiveness, and Pernoll was hit frequently. The Medford team won ten straight games until defeated Monday. A large crowd saw both games.

Increases in gold, silver and zinc, while lead production has fallen off. The six months' output of copper in New Mexico was probably equal to one-half last year's total output, so that there is good expectation of a better total for the year, Arizona, as a copper state, has shown the usual improvement during the six months, while the gold mines promise a record breaking year. No large increase in Arizona's output of lead or zinc is expected in 1915 over other years.

In California some gain in gold yield is reported and copper conditions are much improved over last year. Oregon shows a slight increase in gold output, while in Alaska the outlook is good for increased output of copper as well as gold. More Alaska mines are on a producing basis this year and more dredges are in operation.

MOVIES REMARKABLE SCENIC PRODUCTION OF LIFE IN VALLEY

Great credit is due A. C. Allen, Holbrook Withington and their many assistants in preparing the moving picture scenario of the Rogue River valley for exhibition at the San Francisco exposition. With one or two exceptions, due to cloudy weather at the time the pictures were taken, the pictures are clear and distinct. They comprise not only a panorama of the valley's beautiful scenery, but faithfully portray scenes from its early history as related by pioneers, contrasted with the development of today.

The scenery shown depicts the orchard in bloom, the verdure-clad and snow-capped mountains, the newly completed Siskiyou grade, the paved Pacific highway, the cities of Ashland and Medford, the Rogue river, its cascades and gorges, Mill creek and Bar creek falls, and the countless vistas that open on every side in the Rogue River valley.

The placer mining scenes at the Sterling mine are probably the finest pictures of placer mining ever shown. They are contrasted with the primitive methods of the days of '49. Camping and hunting scenes are shown, while the fishing scenes on the Rogue give a good idea of the sport of fly fishing. Orchard scenes are numerous, while details of social life in the valley are well patronized.

The Medford Community day parade is shown and the Ashland community labor on scenic boulevard is also portrayed. Sports and exercises by school children are depicted, including the open-air production of "Midsummer Night's Dream," by the pupils of Roosevelt school. Glimpses of busy days on Ashland and Medford streets are also set forth.

Glimpses of social life show a swimming party at a private swimming tank at a Gold Hill orchard, tennis and golf matches at the Medford Country club, automobile drives and a fairy dance at a Medford country home. The scenario ends with the chief dancer fading into silhouette as the words "Come to Jackson County" gradually emerge in the background.

Throughout the scenario runs a pleasing thread of comedy and romance that adds greatly to the attractiveness of the pictures, which are most artistically arranged. When it is considered that this is the first attempt, both of the photographers and actors, the result is remarkable and shows that Medford possesses genius for movie productions as well as in many other lines.

The pictures will be shown again this afternoon and evening at the Page, and no one should miss seeing them. They are well worth while.

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