

crushed 9.17 tons per stamp per day with stamps of 1,650 lbs. Other innovations in the Roodepoort United plant are that five tube mills, or one tube mill for every 20 stamps, are to be installed; shaking tables are to be substituted for plates and the cyanide plant is to be of more than the usual capacity to secure low value residues. The capacity per stamp per day is estimated in excess of 12 tons, or approximately 36,000 tons per month, but in view of the results obtained from the Cinderella Deep mill the cyanide plant will be designed for an even greater quantity of tailings and slimes—namely 40,000 tons per month. A substantial reduction in present milling and cyaniding costs is expected. The new plant should be running in about May next.

WEST AFRICA.

Mr. W. A. Pritchard a rubber planter, has reported to the Government his discovery of a banket formation in the Birrim district, Akim, 100 miles behind Accra, extending over a large area.

It is understood that a Government expert has visited the district, the precise locality of which is kept secret, and that the reef is similar to the Tarquah formation.

The news is regarded in Government circles as of great importance and likely to accelerate the extension of the Accra-Akwapim Railway towards Kumassi.

The line is making steady progress and is expected to have trains running as far as Nsawam—28 miles—by October this year

UNITED STATES.

Within a month a hearing will begin in Seattle, Wash., that Denver Government officials assert will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska. The facts pointing to alleged frauds are known to Secretary Ballinger, of the U. S. Department of the Interior, and Fred. Bennett, Commissioner of the General Land Office. That more than 200,000 acres of rich coal lands in Alaska, some of them having veins 65

feet in thickness have been filed upon by dummy entrymen, procured through agents of six large corporations, the land office has evidence to prove, according to information made public.

The view of the General Land Office Commissioner Bennett, as given out, is that all entries found to be fraudulent should be canceled at once.

One of the coal companies involved in the alleged fraud is located in Seattle, another in New York, and still others in San Francisco, Omaha, and Chicago. The so-called dummy entrymen were recruited principally from the docks of Seattle, the mine of Butte, and the laboring classes of Chicago.

Company Notes.

NEW DOMINION COPPER.

The last payment of the underwriters of the Dominion Copper Co. was made last Friday and the securities of the new company delivered to what now constitutes the present bond and shareholders, the old bondholders having received bonds and stock to which they were entitled.

The new company now has outstanding \$500,000 of bonds and 250,000 shares of stock. By the purchase of the old bonds, which have been exchanged for stock in the new company, and also by purchase of stock in the new company that has been delivered to the underwriters, the British Columbia Copper Co. interests are now large shareholders in this company.

An interim dividend of 1s per share has been declared by Bell's Asbestos Company, Ltd. The dividend was last raised in 1906 from 12 1-2 per cent. to 15 per cent. This latter rate has been maintained since then. The company has accumulated a reserve of £65,000 invested in high-class securities outside the business. Of this amount £50,000 is allocated to a special reserve fund for the equalization of future dividends. The carry-forward has gradually risen from £9,480 in 1906 to £15,266 in 1908.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

L. Vogelstein and Co. report the following figures of German consumption of foreign copper for the months January to June, 1909:

Imports of copper	80,061 tons
Exports of Copper	3,913 "
Consumption of copper	76,148 "

as compared with consumption during the same period in 1908 of 79,090 tons.

Of the above quantity 73,416 tons were imported from the United States.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the shipments from Cobalt for the week ending Aug. 14, and those from Jan. 1, 1909, to date:—

	Week ending Aug. 14.	Since Jan 1.
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Buffalo	748,678	
Chambers-Ferland	961,010	
City of Cobalt	64,000	1,002,522
Cobalt Central	41,670	519,474
Cobalt Lake	79,960	

Coniagas	1,043,315
Crown Reserve	182,800
Drummond	920,000
Kerr Lake	1,298,146
King Edward	183,740
La Rose	258,190
McKinley-Darragh	122,350
Nipissing	322,390
Nova Scotia	480,810
Nancy Helen	83,400
Peterson Lake	40,000
O'Brien	1,565,742
Right of Way	2,032,691
Silver Queen	167,350
Silver Cliff	598,395
Temiskaming	123,820
Trethewey	1,446,060
Temiskaming & Hudson Bay	1,296,698
Muggley Cons.	1,106,260
	72,900

Ore shipments to Aug. 14, 1909, from Jan. 1, are 37,315,252 pounds, or 18,657 tons.

Total shipments for week ending August 14, 1909, are 1,198,750 pounds, or 599 tons.