

# MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

**London.**—A recent careful estimate figured out that for the nine months ending on September 30th there was a decrease of \$800,000 in the world's gold production from the same period in 1909. At the same time it was suggested that this might be made up by increased output at the Rand mines during the last three months of 1910. Returns at hand show that for October, at least, the Rand fulfilled expectations. Output of gold there was \$1,078,000 heavier than a year ago, and was the largest on record. Compared with three years ago, the month's output showed an increase of \$2,100,000.

**London, November 18.**—The presence of William D. Haywood, of Idaho, a member of the Western Federation of Miners, in the Welsh coal fields, where extra police and military have been required to check the rioting of strikers, is interesting the authorities who have to cope with the situation. Considerable tension still prevails among the miners. A number of continental labour leaders are in the district, but the authorities are acquainted with their methods of conducting strikes, a knowledge of which is lacking in the case of American labour chiefs.

**Cardiff, Wales, November 22.**—The disorders in connection with the strike of the Welsh collieries in the Rhonda Valley are becoming serious. The rioters have attacked the houses of the mine officials, held up and searched trains, storming the signal boxes and keeping the signalmen prisoners while this was going on, and have threatened other outrages. There was a fierce conflict last night between rioters and the police at Ton-Y-Pandy, which was not quelled until the troops were summoned. Several policemen were severely injured.

## AUSTRALIA.

**Sydney.**—The October gold yield of New South Wales is 17,423 ounces, valued at £59,641. The yield for the last ten months is 190,837 ounces, valued at £675,944.

**Perth.**—The Western Australian Government has decided to construct forthwith a temporary water pipe line from Southern Cross to the Bullfinch mine, where the gold discoveries were made recently. This line will provide an ample supply of water for domestic purposes. The Government has also decided to introduce a bill for the immediate construction of a railway to the Bullfinch centre via the Corinthian mine. Arrangements for the work are already being made by the department concerned.

## CHINA.

The Pekin Syndicate announces that the output and sales of coal for the month ended 31st October, 1910, were as follows: Output, 33,400 tons; sales, 38,500 tons; boiler consumption, 3,250 tons.

## UNITED STATES.

**Cripple Creek, Colo., November 18.**—Pouring out of the Roosevelt deep drainage tunnel at Cripple Creek is a flow of water estimated at about 2,000 gallons a minute. It is from the well of the El Paso shaft. The tremendous flow started at 3.45 o'clock yesterday morning and was followed by shrieking of whistles, blasts of dynamite and general jollification at the portal. Yesterday marked the real beginning of the draining of the deep levels of the Cripple Creek district and the recovering of \$100,000,000 to \$300,000,000 worth of ore. The water in the El Paso shaft has fallen about 75 feet from the old tunnel level. Of this distance, 50 feet was lowered yesterday morning and the drop is easily perceptible. There is little water now coming from the old tunnel. All work in the heading is being carried on through the intermediate shaft. At the portal of the tunnel the water is going out knee deep. At least 2,000 gallons a minute is pouring forth.

**Houghton, Mich.**—Edwin J. Hulburt, discoverer of the Calumet and Hecla mine, one of the most prolific copper producers in

the world, is dead in Rome, Italy, according to advices received here. Mr. Hulburt was 81 years old.

**Joplin, Mo.**—Twenty-one camps were represented in the zinc and lead turn-ins from the Joplin district recently. The area of production extended from Aurora, Mo., to Miami, Okla., from Alba and Neck City on the north to Peoria on the south. The production tells a story of general activity throughout the entire Joplin district. It shows that operations are in progress in camps that are not always active, and when these conditions prevail nothing could tell more forcefully the story of the present prosperous times.

**New York City, November 19.**—J. Parke Channing, vice-president of the Miami Copper Company and consulting engineer of the General Development Company, has returned from an inspection of the Miami property at Globe, Ariz. He reports that while work on the mill has been delayed, the plant probably will be placed in operation in January. The mill, which is constructed of iron, and has cement foundations, has a capacity of 2,000 tons daily capacity, and the foundations for the 3,000-ton unit already have been laid. It is expected to treat 750,000 tons a year.

## MEXICO.

**Guadalajara, Mex., November 15.**—Some ore is being shipped from the old Mololoa mine in the Hostotipaquilla district, the property of the Mololoa Mining Company, of Toronto, Canada. Work was recently resumed under the direction of W. M. Matthews. The Mololoa, which is a famous antiqua, has produced some very rich ore during the last ten years. A fault interfered with profitable development for a time, and the mine was purchased by the Toronto interests from Carlos Romero, of Etzatlán, for \$30,000. The mine has been the property of the Toronto company for over three years. Two additional tube mills have been ordered for the new reduction plant of the El Favor Mining Company in the Hostotipaquilla district of this state. They will make a total of four. There are twenty stamps, and with four tube mills for regrinding, coarse crushing will be done, and it is expected to handle up to 120 tons of ore daily. Some improvements are being made in the cyanide annex, with a view to the highest possible efficiency. The plant will go into commission as soon as electric power reaches the Hostotipaquilla district. The big El Favor mine, which has been systematically developed for several years, is in shape to supply any tonnage that may be called for. All levels have been given connection with the main transportation tunnel, and in anticipation of early milling, heavier track is being laid there.\*

\* Editor's Note.—The Mololoa and the El Favor mines were developed by two Canadian engineers—Mr. F. G. Stevens and Mr. S. N. Graham. Both are now in Canada. Mr. Stevens is in Kingston, Ont., and Mr. Graham is manager of the pyrite mine of the Canadian Sulphur Ore Company, Queensboro, Ont.

**Parral, Mex., November 14.**—The sale of the Hidalgo properties to a syndicate headed by A. J. McQuatters, of Dallas, Texas, once more brings this city into the limelight of trade and development. The Hidalgo properties are in the immediate neighbourhood of Parral and up to the middle of last month were controlled by Pittsburg men, with James I. Long as general manager. The mines have always been large producers and were worked steadily until July, 1907, when the company decided to close them on account of the large number of estates pending settlement among these stockholders.

## KERR LAKE DIVIDEND.

Kerr Lake has issued the statement that the fourth dividend of the year will be made on December 15 at the old rate of 5 per cent. regular and 5 per cent. bonus. They will thus have paid 40 per cent. in 1910, or \$1,200,000. Altogether, at the end of the year they will have paid 91 per cent., or \$2,730,000.