

ALBERTA.

The International Coal & Coke Company, of Coleman, Alta., has announced its intention of putting on a double shift. This will have the effect of almost doubling the capacity of the Coleman mine. The output will approximate 2,800 tons per day, and will mean the employment of about 550 men.

The Alberta Coal & Coke Company, whose property is two miles east of Lundbeck, began shipping coal in the latter part of June. They are raising about 400 tons of domestic coal per day. Southern British Columbia and the State of Washington will be their market. The company contemplate the erection of a plant capable of handling 6,000 tons per day.

YUKON.

Dawson, Y. T., June 27.—Records in the gold commissioner's office show the biggest placer merger the world has ever known has been perfected in Dawson, whereby the Guggenheim interests have taken over properties from the A. N. C. Treadgold, Northwest, Hydraulic Company, and Yukon Consolidated Goldfields Company, and other smaller concerns.

By the deal the Guggenheim people have absorbed all the placer properties in Klondike watershed, which have been worked by the old methods. Hundreds of claims—El Dorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Bear and their rich hillsides and tributaries—are included in the deal. It is estimated that the claims have cost the company ten million dollars, and five million dollars already has been spent for equipment.

It is said that the outlay for the equipment of the Guggenheim properties in the Yukon will represent the large sum of five million dollars. Nor does this seem an over-estimate, having regard to the extent of the area the syndicate has secured for operation. The syndicate recently paid to large holders of property a sum aggregating ten million dollars for their rights. The work meanwhile of constructing a hydro-electric plant on Little Twelve Mile River, for the purpose of supplying power for the dredges and the excavation of the big ditch, is proceeding rapidly, and it is expected that three steam shovels will be shortly in place for the expedition of excavation operations.

In all some nine or ten dredges will be operated in the Territory this season, these including three by the Guggenheim syndicate; the Canadian Klondike Mining Company's electrically driven dredge on the Boyle concession; the Lewes River Company's dredge; the Bonanza Basin Company's dredge at the mouth of Klondike River, and the Ogilvie Company's dredge on Klondike River; the Forty Mile Dredging Company's dredge on Forty Mile River; while another dredge will also be operated in this neighborhood.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is reported that the Guggenheims have bonded the Big Interior mine in the Alberni district.

No. 4 Slope of the Comox coal mine has been sealed up. Water is being pumped from the remaining portions of the mine.

Victoria.—The Lenora copper mine, first opened in 1899, but for three years idle, is to be reopened by the Vancouver Copper Company. The working capital of the company is \$150,000. The Vancouver Copper Company was formed in London, England, early this year. Shares to the number of 85,000, at a par value of \$5, have been placed on the market.

Rossland.—Rich strikes of native gold are reported on the 7 inch and 11 inch levels of the Centre Star. Similar reports come from other mines operated by the Canadian Consolidated. No official confirmation of these statements has been received.

John Levecovig, skip tender at the White Bear, fell from the 300 foot level to the 1,000 foot level and was instantly killed.

General Manager Jay P. Graves of the Granby Consolidated Company, announces that plans are now under way for an increase

of another 1,000 tons in smelter capacity at Great Falls, B.C. This will give the Granby smelter a daily ore capacity of 4,000 tons, but it will require a year to complete the improvements and additions. The additions will be paid for out of earnings.

Boundary.—At the Cariboo-McKinney ten stamps are in commission. It is estimated that a year's supply of ore is in sight.

The Dominion Copper Company's Idaho mine is shipping steadily. The large double drum hoisting engine, installed last winter, is being used to good purpose.

Mr. L. H. Moffatt, of Rossland, manager of the Rathmullen Mines, Limited, is opening a large copper ore ledge on the Greyhound mine, Deadwood Camp.

At the Diamond Fraction and Texas mine, near Greenwood, an electric hoist has been installed.

For the first time in its history, the British Columbia Copper Company of Greenwood has all three of its furnaces running. This means the reduction of about 2,000 tons of copper ore in 24 hours.

The Goleconda group of claims in South Deadwood Camp is being opened up by Alex. Robinson.

Achilles J. Rainville, foreman of the Eureka mine, near Nelson, B.C., fell into the water 20 feet below the 150 foot level. The exhaust steam from the pump had so heated the water that the unfortunate man was fatally scalded.

MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD

GREAT BRITAIN.

A conference of miners' organizations was held in London last month to consider a line of action for raising the standard of wages in the different districts. The standard wages paid at the present time is the standard fixed over twenty years ago, and it is contended is now below the level of a living wage. In the English Federation districts the fixed maximum is 37 1-2 above the standard, and the present wage 50 per cent. above the standard. When in December last an effort was made to arrange for a new agreement, the owners resisted any change in the wage basis, on the ground that it was a long established basis and thoroughly understood by the employees. Certain concessions were, however, made by the coal owners. The position, therefore, is that while the men are unanimously agreed as to the policy of raising the existing wage by 30 per cent., the larger number of men employed are working under signed agreements which have two years and a half to run. Notwithstanding the new wage basis wished for is below the present minimum wage, and therefore would not disturb existing contracts, a resolution was finally passed recommending that each district shall approach the employers with a view of securing a new wage standard on a basis of not less than 30 per cent. of the present percentages upon which all future advances of wages shall be calculated.

UNITED STATES.

A consular report states that cobalt has been found in quantity in Grant County, Oregon.

Seven men were killed and two badly injured by two explosions in the Johnson mine at Priceburg, Pa., on June 18th. The first explosion was caused by the carelessness of a door tender. The second was a fire-damp explosion.

The United States geological experiments in the treatment of the black sands found on the Pacific coast are said to have been successful in demonstrating that platinum, besides other valuable minerals, may be readily and profitably recovered therefrom. There are large areas of black sand deposits on the west coast of Vancouver Island, from which from time to time gold has been extracted in paying quantities.

The United States Geological Survey proposes to establish an experimental station with a view to testing explosives used in coal