

Miller Independence.

At the 100-ft. level of the Miller Independence Mine at Boston Creek, a rich body of ore has been cross-cut. At the time of writing a width of about sixteen feet has been exposed, with the face of the cross-cut still in ore. Tellurides of gold are said to occur, and while assays have not yet been taken, it is evident the gold content will be high.

The contract for clearing the right of way for an electric power transmission line has been let and the work will be commenced within the week. Transformers placed on order several weeks ago are due for delivery about the middle of June. Several carloads of material and equipment for a big new reduction plant, including a roasting plant, are due for delivery within a reasonably short time and the road from the station is to be improved preparatory to hauling the large amount of material.

Dome Mines.

It is stated, unofficially, that mill heads at the Dome Mines are running as high as \$9 to the ton. While it was learned in semi-official circles some time ago that the management intended to treat ore for the time being with an average of about \$7 to the ton, it is considered not improbable that a certain amount of \$9 ore may be going to the mill.

Hollinger.

Former employees of the Hollinger Mine, who enlisted for overseas service are being given their old positions. Not only this, but they are also being given their promised bonus of 100 shares of Hollinger stock. One of these returned men stated to the writer that the treatment accorded the Hollinger employees, and the working conditions, are of the best, and that every facility was being provided to assist in the efforts of the most ambitious or energetic to get ahead and increase their income.

The minimum wage underground is \$4 for eight hours, but where the energetic worker so desires he is permitted to do work by contract and in this way increase his income. In not a few instances, this is being taken advantage of. As in the case of the returned man referred to above, an average of upwards of \$5 is being earned for each eight hour day.

Kirkland Lake Miners' Demands.

Under date of May 27th the representatives of the Kirkland Lake branch of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union presented a demand to the mine operators of Kirkland Lake, asking for a forty-four hour week instead of forty-eight hours as at present. They also ask for recognition of the Union, for full day's pay on Saturday for four hours work, and a minimum of \$4.50 per day for all underground workers. The mine operators are given ten days in which to consider the matter.

The view of the mine operators appears to be that the present high cost of living demands that every workman should be paid as high a wage as is possible, but in view of the heavy economic strain under which gold mines are being operated, it would scarcely be possible to shorten the number of working hours or to increase pay. To this, of course, there may reasonably be found isolated exceptions, but, on the whole, such appears to be the general view.

Teck-Hughes.

According to information from Kirkland Lake, a considerable quantity of high grade ore has been encountered in the Teck-Hughes mine. The new orebody is understood to contain average values well above that of ore heretofore developed.

In view of the fact that the average value of the ore treated during April amounted to \$10.46 per ton, the present favorable developments holds out the promise that the average heads may be increased to a point second only to the adjoining Lake Shore mine. While full details as to the extent and average gold content of the new orebody, definite information is lacking, but some of the ore is reported to run as high as \$30 to the ton.

CHICAGO MEETING A. I. M. M. E.

Plans for the meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at Chicago next September are assuming definite form, and the Committee in charge announces the following schedule of events.

On Monday, September 22nd, the opening day, the morning will be devoted to registration of members and guests at the convention headquarters, the Congress Hotel. Monday afternoon the first session for presentation and discussion of technical papers will be held, and in the evening a Smoker, at which the committee guarantees all traces of glaciation will be dissipated.

It is planned on Tuesday to make an excursion in a body, by a boat chartered for the occasion, across the south end of the lake to Gary, for a trip through the famous steel mills. Wednesday will be devoted to technical sessions, morning and afternoon, and in the evening the banquet will be held at the Congress Hotel, at which all members of the Institute and their wives will be the guests of Chicago.

On Thursday, a special train will convey the members and guests to La Salle and Depue, Illinois, where the zinc smelteries, coal mines and cement works will be visited. For those to whom these industrial operations are not of particular interest—this may include many of the ladies—there will be a trip by automobile to Starved Rock and other points of historical interest in the vicinity of La Salle.

For Friday, the 26th, several optional excursions have been planned to local industrial plants. One trip will take in the lead refineries at East Chicago and the Standard Oil Refinery at Whiting. Another excursion will be to Milwaukee, to the plants of the Allis-Chalmers Company and the Power and Mining Machinery Company; this trip will also include the metallurgical works at North Chicago of the Fansteel Products Company where their novel electrothermal processes in the production of metallic tungsten, molybdenum, cerium, and tantalum will be demonstrated.

For those interested in coal mining it is planned to have an excursion to the fields in Franklin and McCoupin Counties, leaving Chicago late Friday evening and spending Saturday at the mines.

Florence Silver.

The retiring board of the Florence Silver Mining Company was re-elected at a recent meeting of the stockholders held in Ainsworth. The board is composed of F. R. Wolfe, president and manager; A. F. Kelly, vice-president; D. E. Saunders, secretary-treasurer; J. A. Lavender and A. M. Frost.