

were killed. The rescue work, which resulted in saving many of those in the mine, was conducted under great difficulties, six of the rescuers being among the victims.

SPITZBERGEN.

The coal mines worked by the Trondhjem American Spitzbergen Coal Company have been extended and deepened and regular workings will be begun in August. The Anglo-Bergen Company mined 4,000 tons during the winter and will supply the Norwegian State railways and sell to steamship companies in Norway.

AUSTRALASIA.

Mr. Menzies, the discoverer of the Menzies gold field in Western Australia, prospecting in the northern territory of the Commonwealth, has discovered tin deposits of value on the Fitzmaurice fall of the table-lands country. Specimens show over 70 per cent. of tin.

A new copper field is being opened up at Mount Balfour, on the northwest coast of Tasmania, where work has been undertaken at several points.

Mr. H. Y. S. Brown, Government Geologist of South Australia, states that 21,000,000 tons of iron ore averaging 66 per cent. iron and manganiferous iron are in sight at Tron Knob, 40 miles from Port Augusta.

The mines at Broken Hill, New South Wales, are rigidly economizing in view of the decrease in metal values. Staffs are being reduced and development restricted.

UNITED STATES.

At the San Antonio mine in the Red Mountain district, Colorado, a body of copper ore 30 feet long by 25 feet wide has been found, giving every indication of being persistent in depth.

A large number of zinc mines in the Joplin, Missouri, district, have been closed down owing to the expense of keeping them free from water and the present low price of zinc. Some of the mines are installing better pumping machinery.

Copper production in the Butte district of Montana will show a considerable falling off on account of floods. About 7,000 men are employed in the Amalgamated mines, the output of which is about 8,500 tons of ore per day. The Great Falls smelter of the Boston & Montana Company, which was greatly damaged by flooding, is likely to be out of commission for some time.

The School of Mines building of the University of Nevada at Reno, the gift of Clarence H. Mackay and Mrs. John Mackay, which cost \$750,000, was dedicated last month. Mr. Mackay also promises an endowment fund for salaries.

CHINA.

A mining company has been formed with \$2,000,000 capital to work the iron, coal and galena mines near Okran, the principal stockholders being Chinese in Hong Kong and Singapore. The project includes the erection of smelters and a narrow gauge railway to tide water.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Gold dredging appears likely to become a profitable undertaking, as there are large tracts of alluvial gold-bearing land, which preliminary tests indicate to be worth working. About 80 ounces gold valued at £300 were recently sent down from the Paracale district.

MEXICO.

An explosion in a mine belonging to the Mexican Coal & Coke Company killed twenty Mexican and Japanese miners.

The enactment of the proposed new mining law excluding foreigners from acquiring mining properties has apparently been indefinitely postponed.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

The output of the Dominion Coal Company's collieries for June is estimated at 347,000 tons. This would bring the total output for the half year up to 1,924,619 tons, or an increase over the corresponding period a year ago of 170,899 tons, which, on the whole, is a very satisfactory showing.

Mr. James Ross in London stated the year's output will be close to 4,000,000 tons and at the present rate that figure will be reached.

The output by months is as follows:

	1908.	1907.
	Tons.	Tons.
January	314,108	252,248
February	285,649	225,988
March	346,529	212,831
April	298,745	316,384
May	332,588	327,269
June	347,000	319,000
Total	1,924,619	1,653,720

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass collieries for the week ending July 3 was 17,957 tons, a daily average (five days) of

3,591 tons. All collieries were idle on Dominion Day. Week ending July 5, 1907, 17,748 tons; daily average, 3,549 tons; week ending July, 1906, 11,692 tons; daily average, 2,923 tons.

The corrected returns, by collieries, of the Dominion Coal Company's outputs are as follows:

OUTPUTS—JUNE, 1908.

No. 1 colliery	52,316
No. 2 colliery	66,851
No. 3 colliery	36,052
No. 4 colliery	38,836
No. 5 colliery	39,758
No. 6 colliery	23,178
No. 7 colliery	13,665
No. 8 colliery	21,384
No. 9 colliery	35,339
No. 10 colliery	15,527

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