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**NEWS OF THE MINES**

**Premier Is Operating Historic King Solomon Mine In Arabia—Annual Report of Esperanza—Digging From Glacier**

The historic King Solomon Mines in the Arabian Desert are being rehabilitated by the Premier Gold Mining Co. and will, it is expected, soon be contributing again to the world's production of yellow metal. It is estimated, from historical records, that King Solomon received about \$2,400,000 from these mines. By the application of modern mining methods, it is estimated that reserves now available will produce at least \$2,000,000 in gold. Production is scheduled to begin early in 1938. In addition to the \$2,000,000 gross believed to await milling and gold recovery in the mine's tailings and reserves, the veins from which these were originally mined average about \$20 per ton, engineers estimate. The latent opportunities of the property in the way of unexplored and undeveloped ore deposits are not indicated. An adequate supply of water is being developed.

During the past year steady development of the tunnels on the property has been taking place, says the annual report of the Esperanza Mines Ltd. of Alice Arm. No. 4 tunnel has been connected with No. 2 in a similar manner, making in all a vertical distance of approximately one hundred feet. This work has given much needed ventilation and provided means for drainage. As this work has progressed, it has opened up a considerable body of fresh ore which has been sent to the mill for concentration. No. 5 tunnel, below No. 4, has been driven a distance of 100 feet towards No. 4 and the mine manager, L. H. Wenerstrom, figures it will be necessary to go about another forty feet to contact ore at this point. During the year it was demonstrated that the mine could produce, with one shift of miners, enough ore to keep the mill operating. To increase the output another shift of miners could be put to work, thus allowing for development as well as the production of ore from the mill. The report announces the resignation of the manager, L. H. Wenerstrom, to rejoin the service of the Granby Co. at Allenby. The concentration mill, says the report, has been proving what can be turned out by the mine in the making of concentrates. It has an average capacity of eighteen tons of ore per day of twenty-four hours, making approximately one ton of concentrates during that period. These concentrates vary in value according to the mill heads or ore coming into the bins. Average assays have been 24.56 ounces of silver for heads, 1.22 ounces of silver for tails and 300.17 ounces of silver in concentrates. Ore mined from January to June 1937 amounted to 2158 tons including waste. Cost of wages and supplies was

\$5,101.52 or a cost of \$2.41 per ton to the mine. Ore milled from January to June was 1768 tons with wages and supplies costing \$3,451.98 or a cost per ton to mill of \$2.03. Smelter returns to the property showed the following netts: June 19, \$7,915.34; July 13, \$1,207.11; July 27, \$1,601.33. "In view of the foregoing results," says the Esperanza report in conclusion, "we feel that the mine has demonstrated its ability to produce ore and the mill to make concentrates. This is now being accomplished while we are developing the property and we are of the opinion that, if the mill were increased by the addition of a secondary crusher to reduce the ore entering the ball mill for fine grading, we would be able to double our capacity. To make this desired increase, it is necessary to secure adequate financial support so that the mine may be worked on a larger production basis."

Ore shipments from Stewart during the past week have included six tons by Sam Deschamps from his Ontario property and another shipment from the Mountain Boy property on Bear River.

With the long cross-cut tunnel on the Rufus Argenta property in the Portland Canal district advanced sixty feet since Peter Swedburgh and associates started their contract, an interesting change is being encountered that indicates close proximity to the large zone for which the tunnel is being driven, according to B. O. Erickson who has been spending a few days in Stewart. In discussing the operations at Rufus-Argenta, Mr. Erickson said that the tunnel being extended under contract by Mr. Swedburgh has now entered a changed and very hard greenstone that shows blots of chalcopryite scattered through it in little veinlets. If the big ore body for which the tunnel was originally started is encountered at this depth, it will give about

800 feet of backs said Mr. Erickson. Explaining that the zone shows in a canyon to a still greater depth than that, Mr. Erickson is very hopeful of success with this tunnel. During the two weeks that Mr. Erickson spent on the property, he prospected the surface of the original Rufus ground and discovered two additional showings that offer promise near the glacier which exposed them. The glacier has receded a lot since 1928. The new showings are of the lead-zinc type and indicate a width of several feet on the surface. Mr. Erickson will continue prospecting of the Argenta surface to examine ground that was not formerly touched.

Ore with values estimated to run as high as \$70,000 per ton in gold and silver has been opened up on the strike reported recently on the Northwestern Aerial Prospectors Ltd. property on American Creek about thirteen miles beyond the end of the Bear River road in the Portland Canal district. Spending some days on the property in which they traced the vein for about 100 feet and stripped it for thirty feet, John Rochfort, Angelo Bugnello and Jack Krug arrived in Stewart a few days ago with sixty pounds of ore that had broken down from the vein on the canvas. This ore is estimated to contain at least ten per cent gold. The ore was placed for safe keeping in the Bank of Montreal at Stewart from which it will be shipped as bullion. On the thirty feet stripped, it is stated, the vein shows a difference in elevation of fifteen feet and has a width of from one to six inches. The stringer seems to be an offshoot from a very large silicified fracture zone that has been traced for some 4000 feet and has an average width of fifty feet. The zone, where chipped, shows low values in gold and silver. To date it has not been prospected to any extent. The discovery of substantial gold values is much of a surprise to the owners who have always considered the property a prospective silver-lead mine. Rochfort, Bugnello and Krug have returned to the property with the objective of continuing work of extracting high grade ore for shipment as long as weather permits.

With rock under their feet and ice of the immense Chickamin Glacier all around them, Larry Thornton and associates are busy there extracting high grade ore for shipment from their Solo property at the head of Texas Creek in the Portland Canal district. Already they have seven sacks of exceptionally rich gold-silver ore ready. Mr. Thornton says that they reach the

**SEPTEMBER FILM LIST**

"Maytime" and "Midsummer Night's Dream" Among Outstanding Attractions

With "Maytime," billed for a four-day run, and "Midsummer Night's Dream" as possibly the outstanding attractions, Manager D. G. Borland announces an interesting list of September bookings for the Capitol Theatre here as follows:

September 1 and 2—"You're in the Navy Now" with Wallace Ford and Anna Lee.

September 3 and 4—"Slave Ship" with Wallace Beery, Warner Baxter and Elizabeth Allen.

September 6 and 7—"They Gave Him a Gun" with Gladys George, Spencer Tracy and Franchot Tone.

September 8 and 9—"Fifty Roads to Town," with Ann Sothern and Don Ameche, and "Chan at the Olympics," with Warrner Oland.

September 10 and 11—"Elephant Boy," based on Rudyard Kipling's "Toomai of the Elephants."

September 13 and 14—"Riding on Air," with Joe E. Brown, and "Off to the Races," with the Jones family.

September 15, 16, 17 and 18—"Maytime," with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

September 20 and 21—"Internes Can't Take Money," with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea.

September 22 and 23—"Mid-

tunnel through 200 feet of ice tunnel driven at the base of the glacier. At the point where it is encountered by this tunnel, the vein strikes up a slope and so it is possible to get more advantageously at it with open cutting in steps, extracting the ore after which the high grade is sorted and sacked. The vein is from two to three and a half feet wide with very spotty values. Over half the time of the mining crew is taken up in sorting ore. The values are hard to determine owing to spotty nature but they run from a trace to extremely high in gold and silver. It has not yet been decided when the shipment now being accumulated will be made.

Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s freighter Amur has been at Stewart over the week-end loading out ore and concentrates for Tacoma.

summer Night's Dream," with all-star cast.

September 24 and 25—"Artists and Models," with Jack Benny, Ida Lupino, Richard Arlen and Gail Patrick.

September 27 and 28—"Between Two Women," with Franchot Tone and Virginia Bruce.

September 29 and 30—"Exclusive," with Frances Farmer and Fred MacMurray.

Having on board a party of twenty-four Sea Scouts who have been on an annual cruise to Alaska, the power vessel Tyee Scout was in port Saturday afternoon on its way back to Seattle.

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