

MILLIONS IN MEXICAN MINES.

Gold and Silver Hoards Which Have Been Worked For Centuries.

THEY ARE OPEN TO EVERY FOREIGNER.

How Sure-Footed Indians Climb Perpendicular Poles Loaded With Precious Ore—English and American Capital Invested.

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ZACATECAS, Mex., June 22.—(Special Correspondence of THE BEE.)—A city of 50,000 people a mile and a half above the sea. A great jumble of flat-roofed, box-shaped houses built up close to cobble-stone sidewalks above a network of tunnels which run in and out, across and above each other with all the wanderings of Isonomus's boy.

These tunnels dug through veins of solid silver. Silver in specks all around and about you from the hundreds of mines which dot the sides of the mountains, to the clear, very sky which hangs overhead. This is a bare outline of the great Mexican city of Zacatecas. Here everything is silver. In the days of Cortez the mines were worked, and from then till now the work has gone on giving hundreds of millions to the world. It goes on still and under my feet the Aztecs of today are working away as they did in the past, and across the way I see the mules tramping their hoofs off in the vitriol and quicksilver with which the ore is mixed in order to reduce it for the market. Mexico has given to the world more than four thousand million dollars' worth of gold and silver and much of the latter has come from here. This whole region is full of silver. The mountains on every side and in fact in nearly every part of Mexico are filled with ore, and from the Pacific ocean to the Gulf of Mexico there is a vast country of incalculable possibilities. Travelers and old Mexicans tell me that the southern part of the country is even richer in minerals than the northern part and all agree that the land has not as yet been prospected. The western coast contains undeveloped regions of gold and silver, and this will soon be opened to the world. In Chihuahua, just north of here, there are mines out of which \$34,000,000 have been taken in about one hundred and thirty years, and seven days' ride by stage to the west of these are the Bartolitas mines, which are owned by Governor Shephard, and out of which he is taking great quantities of good ore. So far he has put all his profits back in his mines, and he is, I am told, developing them on the same magnificent scale that he improved Washington. He lives in the hope of a vast fortune in the future, and is spending it, it is said, in improved machinery and fine mining furniture what any Mexican or ordinary American would consider a fortune. About twelve miles from Chihuahua there is a little mining territory the size of an Ohio township, but about the size of a square. It is among the mountains, and in it more than two hundred miles have been developed. The veins run deep down into the earth, and fifty of the shafts are more than six hundred feet deep. These mines have been worked for nearly ten generations, and the mines of Governor Shephard are 250 years old. They have already cost millions of dollars to develop, and spend millions in the development and furnishing of a mine. The count of Regia, who made so much out of the famous mines at Pachuca, spent, it is said, \$2,500,000 on his reduction works of an hundred years ago, but he cleared \$500,000 a year out of them for twelve years, and was so rich that he had a way of making his distinguished guests walk on bank on silver and that they came to see him. It was one of his descendants who founded as a charity the government pawnshop of Mexico and the original owner of the mine, by driving mules and who bought his title for a cool \$100,000, when he struck it rich, had the check to ask a king of Spain to come to visit him and told him he would place the walls of his bedroom with silver if he would do so, and that wherever he walked about the mine, he should be able to see the silver bars. Count Regia made an immense fortune, and these mines are among the largest in the world.

English Capital in Mines.

On these very mines, some English capitalists lost millions. They spent something like \$20,000,000 in developing them some years ago, and lost more than three-fourths of that amount. This was at the time that England had her last great race for American investments. It was about twenty years ago, when the mines were worth \$50,000,000 in Mexican mines. They have a similar race today, which extends to all kinds of syndicate enterprises in the United States. They are buying our breweries, our salt works, our iron foundries, and our railroads, and the same is the case with Mexico. A great deal of English capital is now going into the development of old mines in Mexico. The Humboldt estimated that there were 3,000 mines in operation in Mexico at the beginning of the century, and if the legends are correct there were never so many successful Mexican mining as at the time when the Spaniards were overthrown and driven out of the country. In 1821, when Mexico was founded, during the revolutions which followed each other in quick succession, these mines were abandoned. They became filled with water and the veins of silver and in fact the very locations of many of them were lost. Others of the old mines had dried very well under the action of the water. The pumping machinery of the time was such as to preclude their being worked further, and they have from time to time been abandoned. But in the last few years, the great mining territory of Mexico, and there are hundreds of men on the look-out for good ones. If Humboldt's figures are correct, there must be at least two thousand mines yet to be reclaimed, and the search for these is active. A number of Americans are among the seekers. They talk with the Indians, look up the old legends and now and then they find a mine which they can pump out with our modern mines and strike a bonanza just under the water. I met a Denver man who was going to a mine which he had discovered in this way in the state of Durango. He owned it in company with Hart, Wolcott and a Kansas City man, and he told me they are making it pay, though it cost them \$80 a ton to get the ore from the mines to the railroad and to the Denver smelters.

Wealth in the Refuse.

Senator Tabor is having some trouble with an old mine which he is re-developing. He bought an interest in the mine for \$100,000 and agreed to erect reduction works and began to tunnel through the side of the hill to strike the vein in that way. While they were tunneling he met a Denver miner who had been kept at it, and now it is said that the original owners are making a great fuss because he is not working on the mine itself. The probability is that the matter will be settled without trouble and that he will make a big thing out of the mine, as he has out of so many in Colorado. The fact is that a Mexican mine is not considered a good mine unless it is in the United States. Miners won't touch one here that would be looked upon as splendid ore in California or Nevada. A Mexican mine must pay out at least \$30 a ton or it is not thought worth operating in the United States if it is worth \$30 a ton it is a good mine.

How Mines are Held.

I had the idea that the mining laws of

Mexico were less safe than those of the United States, and that Americans and foreigners had not the greatest security of property. I have made many inquiries among miners, both Mexican and foreigners, and I find that this is a mistake. The Mexican mining laws are among the best in the world. They are rigorously enforced and there is no country where the miner of any nationality has a better chance than here. The laws permit any man to claim a mine, but in order to hold his title he must work at least four men in it for twenty-six consecutive weeks every year. If he fails to do this, his mine however good can be "denounced" as it is called by any third party and the government will recognize that party's right to it. If he takes the mine and fulfills the above conditions, good mines are carefully watched here and failure to work results in their loss, as long as the law is complied with, the miner whether Mexican or foreigner is protected. A record has to be kept at all mines in Spanish of the work done, and the only cases in which the government grants a fee-simple title to mines is where the company gets a concession of zone by agreeing to keep thirty-four miners constantly employed and within five years to build reduction works at an expense of at least a quarter of a million dollars. These mining zones are very valuable sometimes and they are not granted without investigation. They comprise at times from ten to twenty square miles of land and the company having the right to one of them can work thirty claims upon it and have the right to "denounce" and work such other claims in the zone as they will, it is said, the largest smelter in the world. It can probably be run cheaper here than in the United States, as labor is much cheaper.

Primitive Method of Working.

The most of the work in the mines in Mexico is done by the Mexican Indians. They make splendid miners and they never strike. They get all the way from 50 cents to \$2 a day, don't get drunk and work right along. Here at Zacatecas there are thousands of them and you will not find a quieter or more orderly town of 10,000 people in New England than this city of 50,000 here in Mexico. An old Californian who has mined in both the Sierras and the Rockies and who has large interests near Guanajuato, told me he thinks these are better workers and better men than the miners of our country. They are satisfied with what they get, and they are more polite than we are. They are for many things cheaper than machinery and the old-fashioned Mexican miners are run on the processes of a generation and more ago. The ladders up which the ore is carried by these Indians in bags here at Zacatecas are merely logs, but they are built with notches cut into them about eight inches apart, and the wonder is that men do not fall daily. They do not, they balance themselves, I am told, and are trusted to pieces at the bottom of the mine, but as a rule they are sure-footed, and I saw men carrying loads of ore up and down the shafts. All of the miners wear but little clothing in the mines. They do most of their work barefooted and barelegged, and the little clothing they have on is searched before they leave the mines to see if some silver has not slipped into it by mistake. The average mines have little idea of hygiene, and he takes what he can get as a gift from God. In some of the mines the men are searched by three different sets of men, and they conceal their silver under their arms, in their hands, under their toes, and in fact in every conceivable manner and place. Mexican honor is not built on the conscientious Calvinistic plan, and the mine owners take every precaution.

Crushing and Washing Ore.

The mines about here are not quite as old as those of Pachuca, but they have been worked twenty-eight years after Montezuma died. About the same time the mines at Guanajuato were found. They have been worked over and over and out of them has come a great part of the \$4,000,000,000 worth of gold and silver which Mexico has given to the world. It is said that the mines of the country now turn out \$20,000,000 worth every year, and I saw a stream at Guanajuato which contains the refuse washings of the mines. The refuse washings are said to carry off about \$100,000 worth of silver every year. The water is clear and the refuse is bare-legged, black-haired, big-nosed Indians washing the dirt of this over and over again to catch something of what the big works have thrown away. This is the case with never gotten. After the ore is dug, blasted and picked out of the mines, it is crushed in a most primitive way, by dragging a sort of millstone around over it, and when it is done fine enough it is reduced by what is known as the patio process. Imagine a great round vat of cobble stones, the stones being so deep and in the center of this a Mexican Indian in dirty shirt and white cotton pants rolled up to his thighs. Let him have four ropes in his hand and let him vigorously keep them on a dog-rot as they plow their way around and around and through and through the chocolate mud for hours until it is thoroughly mixed. This chocolate mud, the crushed silver ore which has been chemically treated and is now being mixed with vitriol and salt and other chemicals, is then worked up in many places, and I counted twelve miles trotting around in one of these big mud vats. They were sorry-looking men, and in the vat beside them I saw what looked like broken-down, bob-tail car horses. Upon inquiry I learned that only the oldest and poorest of animals were used, as the quicksilver rotted off their hoofs in a year or two and they had to be killed. The process is by no means an economical one, as it wastes about twenty per cent of the ore, and it may be that in the future the old streams of Mexico may be reclaimed by modern processes. Practical mining is in fact in its infancy in Mexico, and the Mexico of the future will produce a much greater quantity than has the Mexico of the past. So far, it is said that every dollar of gold and silver taken out of Mexico has cost a dollar's worth of labor to get it. The waste and the loss of the water, the profits and while many have grown rich, many have been worked to death and have gained nothing.

Great Future Prospects.

There are, however, no better mining fields in the world today than here. The hills of the old regions seem to be inexhaustible, and the new fields are many. The new railroads that are being built all over Mexico will open up much new territory. Attention is now being turned to the west and south, and I heard it predicted today by a man lately returned from Mexico for years, that this country will be the scene of the next great mining excitement, and that it will surpass that of California in 1849. Said he: "If you will take a map of Mexico and draw a line from Tamaulipas on the Gulf of Mexico to Manila, you will divide the country into two somewhat equal parts. The upper one of these contains the greatest of the mines now known, but they are nothing in comparison with the mines which are yet to be developed in the south. The best of our gold mines of the future will be in the south, and the new railroad that is now being pushed down towards the isthmus will open the eyes of both Mexicans and foreigners. Montezuma got a great part of the millions of dollars which he gave to Cortez from the southern provinces, and one of his projects was a plan of solid gold as big as a wagon wheel. In the state of Oaxaca there are fine gold mines, and in Sonora there is a vast field of minerals that is known to no one. The number of Americans who have invaded the Mexican mines is rapidly increasing and I expect to see more English and American capital come here during the future than ever before. There is, of course, a fair chance to lose, but there is also a fair chance to win, and both in the redevelopment of old properties and in the opening up of new, I believe there is money to be made by any man who is possessed of a fair amount of capital and an ordinary amount of nerve and good business judgment." FRANK G. CARPENTER.

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CHANGES IN SIGNAL SERVICE CONTROL.

Hereafter Weather Forecasts Will be Manufactured by the Agricultural Departments—Predicted Results of the Change.

A bill which passed congress and was signed by the president on October 1 last will mark a new era in one of the most important bureaus of the government. This bill provides for the transfer of the weather bureau of the signal service from the war department to the department of agriculture, the change to be made July 1.

The present signal service corps has been established since 1870 and General Albert Myer was the first chief signal officer. Of late years the work has grown to such an extent that it became necessary to drop many of the military features. It has been part of an observer's duty, besides being thoroughly posted in meteorology, to keep up his studies in signaling, both visual and sound.

This matter of military signaling is provided for in the bill, which calls for a body of fifty men, all experts in the manual of signals, to hold the rank of sergeants of the line. This will be the only military organization in the world which is composed entirely of officers.

The duties of these sergeants will be to instruct the enlisted men of the army in the art of signaling by heliograph, flag and torch, and to operate and maintain the military telegraph lines on the frontier.

The work of the service that is to be transferred to the agricultural department is the forecasting of the weather, the issuance of storm warnings, the display of weather and flood signals for the benefit of commerce, agriculture and navigation, the issuing and reporting of rivers, the maintenance and operation of sea coast telegraph lines and the collection and transmission of marine intelligence, the reporting of temperature and rainfall, display of frost and cold wave signals and the taking and distributing of general meteorological data.

Change of this service has been agitated for years, but the bills which have come before congress in the past of the transfer have always been fought by prominent officials of the country. In the corps itself the majority of the men are in favor of the change as it will materially increase their pay besides placing them in civil life and doing away with many of the objectionable features of the military service.

As the service now stands, considering the work expected of the men and the accuracy and promptness with which this class of work has to be performed, the men of the signal service are the poorest paid under the government. In the service today no man can tell how long he will remain on one station. Even an observer, who sooner becomes acquainted with the climatic conditions of the locality in which he is stationed than he is competent to send out a message, is expected to be ready to leave at a moment's notice, and these frequent changes greatly increase the product of 9,216, which is the average salary of the men in the service, making it unreliable so far as accurate predictions are concerned.

"If under the new bureau," said an old signal service man, "the service can be kept free from politics and the men allowed to remain on one station, so as to be able to study the local conditions and become familiar with the section of country in which they are stationed, the work of the service will no doubt increase considerably in efficiency."

"The great danger will be the introduction of politics into the department and the placing of men wholly incompetent in positions where only old and experienced meteorologists should be."

General Greeley is without doubt, the best chief signal officer of the service ever had. He is being far more of a scientist than any of his predecessors in the office. Since the general command of the signal service there has been many improvements in the service, all tending to the public the most reliable information possible. When asked to give his views on the transfer, General Greeley said that he thought the scheme a bad one, as it would impair the efficiency of the service and tend to make it a political machine.

"For the good of the service," he is to be hoped that General Greeley will remain in charge of the weather bureau."

As the orders now issued by the chief signal officer will have command of the new signal corps only after July 1.

The twelve lieutenants of the signal corps have all been detailed to the new service, to the artillery and cavalry, but the majority were assigned to the infantry.

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Making allowance for the stops at railroad crossings, this train travels at the rate of sixty miles per hour. It stops at only two stations. The Bee, however, stops at every station. It is thrown from the train as the train is passing the town in bundles and quantities of all the way from five up to 500 copies.

This Bee contains every line of news distributed to subscribers within the shadow of The Bee building in Omaha.

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