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DENVER COLORADO - OCTOBER 26, 1950 STRIGHT TELEGRAM

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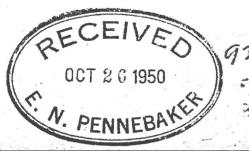
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NIGHT LETTER

OCTOBER 22, 1950

MR. F. S. McNICHOLAS
CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY
MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING
DENVER 2. COLORADO

DECISION YOU REQUIRE IS A DIFFICULT ONE TO MAKE BECAUSE MY FORMER EXAMINATION WAS VERY BRIEF AND AREA IS NOT WELL EXPOSED STOP POSSIBILITIES ARE ADMITTEDLY VERY SPECULATIVE AND BEST REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS WOULD BE FOR HIGH COST PRODUCER OF MODEST TONNAGE STOP VIEWED MOST FAVORABLY PROPERTY WOULD NOW ONLY WARRANT A MORE THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND THIS LARGELY BECAUSE OF ENHANCED DEMAND FOR TUNGSTEN AND SUCH COULD ONLY BE DONE UNDER REASONABLE PRICE AND LEN-IENT TERMS FROM OWNER STOP ON REVIEWING THE PROBLEM BELIEVE MARPING OF VEINS BY YOUNG SURVEYOR AND GEOLOGIST AND REVIEW BY MORE EXPERIENCED MAN COULD BE HELD DOWN TO AROUND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THIS STUDY MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT TO INDICATE WHETHER THE PROJECT SHOULD BE CONTINUED STOP IF OWNER WILL GIVE ONE YEARS FREE RIDE AND TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF SAY THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS THEN I THINK YOU COULD AFFORD TO RISK THE COST OF THIS MORE DETAILED EXAMI-NATION STOP IF SUCH POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT APPEALS TO YOU THEN YOU MIGHT COME DOWN AND LOOK OVER THE SITUATION STOP OR IF YOU SHOULD PREFER THAT I SPEND A WEEK ON THE PROPERTY BEFORE WE REACH A DECISION THAT COULD BE ARRANGED BUT I REALLY BELIEVE DETAILED MAPPING OF VEINS WOULD BE NEXT PROPER STEP

REGARDS

COPY

June 6, 1950

Mr. F. S. McNicholas Climax Molybdenum Company Midland Savings Building Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. McNicholas:

In accordance with your instructions of May 12, 1950, I have made a preliminary examination of the West-lake property near Globe and am enclosing two copies of my report.

Mrs. Westlake seems most anxious to dispose of her ground. She intimated that she would appreciate your advising her of Climax' decision as soon as possible so that she can attempt a sale elsewhere if your reaction is unfavorable.

Mrs. Westlake is a lady of 76 that led me over the hills at a pace that made me wish I was 20 years younger. She also swings a mean double jack.

My statement for the examination is attached.

Yours very truly,

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CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING
DENVER 2, COLORADO

NEW YORK OFFICE: 500 FIFTH AVENUE MINE AND MILL: CLIMAX, COLORADO





October 31, 1950

Mr. E. N. Pennebaker Mining Engineer Globe, Arizona

Dear Penney:

This will confirm my telegram of October 26 stating that we have decided to do nothing further on the Westlake proposition.

After further study of your report, as well as your telegram, we decided that the target seemed too small to interest us at this time.

We are stepping up production at Climax, and do not have available any excess talent that could be placed on a job such as you describe.

We are still interested in acquiring properties of merit, but we only wish to consider properties where substantial tonnage and long life is indicated. Perhaps such an animal is not available, but we shall continue to hope. However, our attitude may change in the future, depending upon conditions. We would, therefore, like you to keep us informed regarding anything promising that comes to your attention.

We would like you to keep us informed of your activities, particularly the times you will be out of the United States, and therefore unavailable.

If you are ever up in this neck of the woods, please call in and see us.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Mrs. Westlake.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

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F. S. McNicholas

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October 31, 1950

Mrs. Brice H. Westlake Box 1831 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Westlake:

This is in reply to your letter of October 16.
After further study of reports on your property, we have reached a decision that we do not care to interest ourselves further in this venture at this time.

Yours very truly

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

F. S. McNicholas

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cc: New York
Mr. Pennebaker



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CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM CO
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DENVER COLO.

WROTE YOU YESTERDAY THAT I AM LEAVING TOMORROW FOR BUSINESS TRIP
TO NEVADA RETURNING GLOBE ABOUT OCTOBER 20TH. WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE
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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to Oct. 20 F. S. McNicholas Street and No. Molybdenum Company Place Midland Savings Building Denver, Colorado-Just returned to Globe Canli for your visit between available October and November 5 another commitment beginning Novem Stop Please advise if arrangement 15 Jatistoeto, Sender's telephone Sender's address for reference

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CAN YOU ARRANGE TO INSPECT WESTLAKE PROPERTIES WITH ME
ON OCTOBER 18 AND FOR THE NECESSARY TIME THEREAFTER STOP
IF YOU CAN NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME I CAN PROBABLY
COME THERE AFTER OCTOBER 30 PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE=

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Mr. F. S. McNicholas Climax Molybdenum Company Midland Savings Building Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. McNicholas:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter under date of September 12, 1950, concerning the Westlake property near Globe. My reply has been delayed a few days due to my being away from Globe during most of last week.

I note from the enclosure with your letter that Mrs. Westlake solicits a cash offer for her 45 tungsten claims. Apparently she does not include the 8 claims in the so-called "lead group" that she describes in her letter of May 5, 1950. At that time she also mentioned 50 claims in the tungsten group, so we should need to know why 5 of these are now excluded and which ones they are.

In her letter of May 5, 1950, Mrs. Westlake offered to sell the 58 claims making up the tungsten and lead groups for \$50,000 cash, or for \$110,000 on a bond and lease basis. Judging from her recent letter of September 7, 1950, it now appears that she will entertain a cash offer for a lesser sum.

In view of the geological relations of the ground and the improvement in the position of tungsten, the following are my reactions to Mrs. Westlake's letter:

I do not think that a conservative mining company contemplating a quick cash purchase of this property without further investigation would be warranted in offering more than a few thousand dollars for it, and I doubt if Mrs. Westlake would be interested in such a small sum.

On the other hand, in my opinion, the following would be a reasonable basis for negotiations:

- 1. An option on the property for 9 or 12 months for \$25,000 or \$30,000 with no down-payment.
- 2. Map the veins by plane table or transit survey and plot their geological and mineralogical character in detail.

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- 3. Do a fair amount of trenching and sampling.
- 4. Probably follow up with a number of short diamond drill holes with a light-weight portable rig.
- 5. If the property shows up favorably as a result of this examination, then the purchase can be closed.

Normally, the above examination should be completed within 6 months, but this high country may be covered by snow for 3 or 4 months with the work delayed accordingly. I think \$25,000 is a fair price for this property, and the lead claims and all of the tungsten claims should be included.

Concerning the mapping of the veins, if you have a young engineer available to run the transit or plane table and a young geologist for the rod they could make a satisfactory map. If you wished, I could start them out on what features of the veinsto record and then add to and review the geology when the map was completed and ready for use. I think the expense of a claim survey might be deferred until it is determined whether or not the ground has any real value. One of these young men could stay on to supervise the trenching, sampling, and drilling.

If you do not have such men available, the survey and trenching could be contracted to a capable engineer who maintains an independent office in Globe. This would probably require more supervision on my part than if your own men took over. If desired, diamond drilling can be contracted to a local representative of the McClintock outfit.

For Climax to conduct business in Arizona as a corporation, it would be necessary to qualify before the State Corporation Commission. Due to recent changes in the law, this now can be done rather quickly at a cost of \$400 or \$500. Otherwise it would be necessary to sign papers and conduct business in the name of some individual in your employ. Attorneys (naturally) do not recommend this latter course, and I believe it makes the matter of State Industrial Insurance for employees more cumbersome. If surveying and drilling were contracted, then it could be arranged for these independent contractors to carry the insurance.

I believe that the arrangement proposed above for option and examination over a period not shorter than 9 months is sound. As pointed out in my report of June 6, 1950, the area has certain very speculative possibilities. With the present war outlook and the improved position of tungsten, these possibilities are now more

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attractive. Even though a sizable project does not develop, at the worst you should be able to recoup some of your examination expenditure through leasing the shoots that the work does reveal. With the examination conducted in the various stages as proposed, the project and the option can be dropped at any time that information accrues that might dictate an adverse decision.

I am enclosing Mrs. Westlake's letter, as you requested. With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. F. S. McNicholas Climax Molybdenum Company Midland Savings Building Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. McNicholas:

This is to advise you that I shall be away from Globe between October 11th and 20th, on a trip up to Nevada.

I note that Mrs. Westlake has made several offers, all of which I think are a little too high. However, there seems to be room for negotiating and you should be able to make a deal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. F. S. McNicholas Climax Molybdenum Company Midland Savings Building Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. McNicholas:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter under date of September 22, 1950, regarding the Westlake property near Globe.

For your information, the coming month looks like a very busy one for me with considerable traveling in Arizona as well as a trip up north to Nevada. If the Westlake negotiations work out so that you make a trip to Globe, I shall appreciate your letting me know as far in advance as possible so that I can try and arrange to be here.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Brice H. Westlake P. O. Box 1831 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Westlake:

Climax Molybdenum Company of Denver, Colorado, has asked me to make a brief examination of your mining claims near Globe, and I enclose their letter authorizing me to make such an inspection in their behalf.

If agreeable with you, I should like to visit your property on Thursday, June 1st. I believe the ground you refer to lies near the road to Pinal and Madera Peaks, near the head of Russell Canyon.

If these arrangements are suitable, you can write me at the above address, or if you are in town phone me at 921-R7. My office is in Ice House Canyon on the old H. J. Hagen place.

Yours very truly,

cc: Mr. F. S. McNicholas

June 15, 1950

Mrs. Brice H. Westlake P.O. Box 1831 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Westlake:

We regret to inform you that although your property has some merit, we do not wish to make any commitments regarding same.

Sincerely,

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

F. S. McNicholas

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CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

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DENVER 2, COLORADO
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NEW YORK OFFICE: 500 FIFTH AVENUE
MINE AND MILL: CLIMAX, COLORADO



May 12, 1950

Mr. E. N. Pennebaker P.O. Box 2996 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pennebaker:

Enclosed is a letter from Brice H. Westlake regarding some mining claims which he owns near Globe. From his description of the claims it appears they may warrant a preliminary examination. Since they are in your back yard we thought you might be able to sneak a day or two to make a preliminary examination and report whether we should go further into the matter or not.

You may know enough about this area to inform us regarding it without even an examination.

 $\,$ Enclosed is a letter to Mr. Westlake which will show him you are representing us in this matter.

We note that you have not billed us for expenses incurred in making the trip to Denver for our interview. Please include this in your statement for work don on this assignment.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

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September 29, 1950

Mrs. Brice H. Westlake P.O. Box 1831 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Westlake:

Thank you for your letter of September 26 regarding your properties.

We will not be in a position to let you know about my proposed visit to your properties until the latter part of October. You may expect a letter from me at that time.

In the interim, please do not allow a possible deal with Climax to interfere with any deals that may be presented to you.

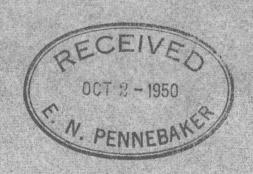
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CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

F. S. McNicholas

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Globe, Arizona September 26, 1950

Climax Molybdenum Company
Midland Savings Building
Denver, 2, Colorado

Attn. Mr. F. S. McNicholas.

Dear Mr. McNicholas :-

Answering yours of 22nd Inst:

Believing that if you will visit the property, it will be possible for us to come to quick deal, I will make you the following offer:

The tungsten group and the lead group—58 claims and the five acre water right at the cash price of \$45,000;

or the above groups at \$25,000 cash and five per cent royalty on production until an additional \$35,000 shall have been paid;

or \$35,000 cash and a 1 per cent royalty on production this to be a perpetual royalty.

or a very limited down payment, with monthly payment of \$300 per month guaranteed, on very liberal lease as to time at the price of \$100,000.

With the above as a basis, I believe that we can surely work out a deal satisfactory to both sides.

If this seems to you to be a fair basis for working out a satisfactory deal, please write me just how soon you could arrive, so that we can come to an agreement as to how long the above offering stands.

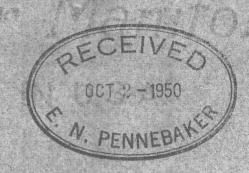
Yours very truly,

Signed

Brice H. Westlake

Globe, Arizona Box 1831

9-29-50 c.c. New York Mr. Pennebaker



CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING
DENVER 2, COLORADO

NEW YORK OFFICE: 500 FIFTH AVENUE MINE AND MILL: CLIMAX, COLORADO





Denver, Colorado September 22, 1950

Mr. E. N. Pennebaker P. O. Box 2996, Globe, Arizona.

Dear Penny:

Thanks for your letter of September 18, 1950, regarding the Westlake properties:

Your recommendations are outlined in a very concise and logical manner and it is possible that we shall follow up these recommendations.

As you will note from the enclosed copy of a letter to Mrs. Westlake, we are asking her for a definite price on the entire group of 58 claims and, if her proposal sounds reasonable, I will come down there to have a look at the properties and I hope that you will be available to accompany me. If our conclusions are favorable we can try to work out a satisfactory deal with Mrs. Westlake.

Will keep you informed regarding developments.

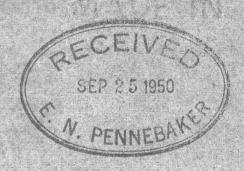
Sincerely yours,

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Denver, Colorado September 22, 1950

Mrs. Brice H. Westlake Box 1831 Globe, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Westlake:

This is in reply to your letter of September 7, 1950 regarding the sale of your 45 Tungsten claims.

In previous correspondence you offered 58 claims covering the Tungsten group and the Lead group. Does your present offer cover these 58 claims?

We note that you have decided to sell this property at a reasonable figure and we may be interested in considering a reasonable figure. If you care to give us a price on the entire group of 58 claims and should we consider this price to be reasonable I will arrange to visit your properties and we could perhaps work out some suitable deal.

Yours very truly,

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

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F. S. McNicholas

cc - Mr. E. N. Pennebaker

cc - New York

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

MIDLAND SAVINGS BUILDING
DENVER 2, COLORADO

NEW YORK OFFICE: 500 FIFTH AVENUE MINE AND MILL: CLIMAX, COLORADO





Denver, Colorado September 12, 1950

Mr. E. N. Pennabaker Globe, Arizona.

Dear Penny:

Attached is a letter from Mrs. Brice H. Westlake which is self-explanatory.

Since you examined this property and reported adversely conditions have changed somewhat and the position of tungsten is stronger than it was at that time.

Will you please give us your reactions to the enclosed letter and give us your recommendations as to whether or not we should proceed further in this matter and if so on what basis.

Please return the enclosed letter with your reply.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

CLIMAX MOLYBDENUM COMPANY

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F. S. McNicholas

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Globe, Arizona, May 5th, 1950.

Climax Molybdenum Company, Denver 2, Colorado.

Att. Mr. F. S. McNicholas

Dear Mr. McNicholas.

Answering your letter of May 1st: the Westlake Mining Property is situated 12 miles south west of Globe, Arizona; and consists of 50 unpatented, unsurveyed lode claims in what is known as the tungsten group; and 8 claims in the lead group, both groups contiguous.

The country rock is shist, diorite and granite. The mineral on the tungsten group--tungsten, copper, molybdenum, silver, gold is contained in 9 wide fissure veins running the length of the block of claims; the Moonshine vein shows on the surface for distance of 6,500 ft.; the Millvale vein for distance of 3,800 ft., the Black Wolf vein, 4,500 ft., the Centipede vein, 3,000 ft. etc. The lead group consists of 7 claims containing the five lead veins, and one claim situated on water course for mill site in the event the group should be sold seperate from the tungsten group.

The property is entirely undeveloped; but about 50 tons of tungsten ore, taken out in prospecting and assessment work, gave returns as follows: 30 tons of tungsten ore milled at the O'Brien mill in Globe (since removed) gave mill return of 3.8% tungsten; 6 tons milled at little gold mill just north of Globe, gave return of 4% tungsten; 7520 pounds of ore to Furnstrom's mill in Tucson, assayed 3.½% tungsten--gave return of \$219.64; 8 tons sent to Metals Reserve at Phoenix, second grade ore thrown back from the above shipments, gave return of 1.74% tungsten, net return \$268.63. The above ore was disposed of for the tungsten content alone: for the most part it came in an unshattered quartz containing very little sulphides; hence very little leached.

The veins generally contain very heavy sulphides, and the climate here--rain, snow, freezing, thawing and the heavy coverage of forest debris to hold the moisture, has shattered the rock and released the sulphides, thereby leaching very greatly the minerals at the immediate sur-

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A heavy stand of timber covers the property--pine, Douglas fir, juniper, white oak, walnut, cherry, etc. an abundance of timber for all purposes. In fact, the whole 1,160 acres are covered with timber, and mineralized throughout its length and width.

I own the property individually.

Up to the present time, the property has been held at the price of \$155,000 for the tungsten group alone: now the situation is such that I have deffinitely decided that I can not possibly develope the property, and to turn it as quickly as possible under the urgent circumstances, am offering it—the tungsten group and the lead group for \$50,000 cash, or on bond and lease, \$110,000.

The only engineers report I have is a very limited one, covering the Moonshine group of claims--could possibly send you that in few days.

Your engineer could stop at hotel in Globe, and drive the 12 miles back and forth, or if willing to rough it we could manage cabin for him.

This is very much the layman description of the property, but you will find the statements true and conservative. Will be pleased to answer any further question you may desire to ask. Will forward a plat of the claims.

Yours very truly,

Box 1831, Globe, Arizona. Mr.) Brice H. Westlake,

The above is subject to prior sale, but if you write or wire me that your (over)

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Dear Mr. Pennebaker:

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Your statement has been passed on to Climax, Colorado for payment.

With kindest regards, I am

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The structure of the Westlake area is not well known because of generally poor exposures. Apparently foliation and bedding in the Pinal schist coincide in attitude and strike northesasterly and dip to the north in conformity with the regional pattern. There is a pronounced system of faults or fractures striking about N 25 E along which numerous veins have formed. The southward-pointing wedge of Madera diorite has already been mentioned.

MINERALIZATION

In a general way, the Globe-Miami district may be described as a great northeasterly zone of copper mineralization about 15 miles long lying north of the Schultze granite, and it is composed of a number of northeasterly elements arranged en echelon. Both north of Globe near the east end of the district and west of the Castle Dome and Cactus ore bodies on the west are scattered marginal deposits of lead and zinc with here and there a few spots of vanadium. As fer as I know, none of these marginal deposits have developed into mines of any importance. South of the Schultze granite (which is only a few miles wide) is a broad band of very light copper mineralization leading southwest of Mt. Madera which contains only a few small deposits of any value. The Westlake ground lies east and south of this zone and shows two types of mineralization, namely: (1) a limited area with lead-silver ore, and (2) a more extended zone of pyrite-wolframite veins which become copper-bearing toward the south. These two types of mineralization are generally found in the Pinal schist near its irregular contact against the wedge of Madera diorite previously noted.

The pyrite-wolframite veins on the Westlake claims are along fractures or faults that strike about N 25 E and for the most part follow a fairly regular course for several thousand feet. Occasionally subsidiary elements diverge along bedding trends or northwesterly fractures, but in general the N 25 E strike is maintained. In a few places the dip was seen to be toward the west at moderate or steep angles, but in many cases the direction and amount of dip could not be determined. Along much of their strike the veins seemed to be from 2 to 10 feet in width with an average of about 5 or 6 feet. As earlier mentioned, dikes of quartz porphyry appear to have been squirted in here and there

along a number of the mineralized fractures.

Mineralization is manifested within these veins in three ways, hamely: (1) by the erratic development of stringers and lenses of white quartz intermittently along their courses; (2) by the deposition of sulphides, apparently somewhat more regularly along them; and (3) by the formation of wolframite and lesser amounts of other tungsten minerals in association with the vein quartz.

The amount of quartz developed is of much practical importance because of the wolframite associated with it. It appears to occur as irregular lenses erratically disposed along the veins. Time was not available to determine closely what proportion of the numerous veins was quartz-bearing, but my definite impression was that these more favorable stretches made up only a minor fraction. Not all of the quartz is accompanied by sulphides or tungsten-bearing minerals.

Sulphides were deposited with the quartz in variable amount but generally in fair abundance. They also occur along stretches of the vein where quartz is scanty or lacking. Pyrite is the most abundant sulphide, but toward the south relicts after chalcopyrite and chalcocite are prominent in the vein outcrops. A little sphalerite was noted, and molybdenite is reported from several places.

Wolframite is the most abundant tungsten-bearing mineral.

Apparently huebnerite and ferberite are also present, and a little scheelite is an occasional associate. Much of the wolframite is in

small grains from one to a few millimeters in size, but in some specimens it is much finer in texture.

As might be expected in such precipitous terrane, the extent of oxidation is quite shallow, and sulphides are found at little depth and even in the denser portions of the outcrop itself. However, at and close to the surface pyrite has generally been removed, and its former presence is now marked by numerous cleanly washed cavities. None of the usual brightly colored minerals were found betraying the former presence of copper sulphides, but their earlier existence in the vein is clearly reflected by "chalcopyrite boxwork" of textbook perfection and by so-called "relief limonite" after chalcocite. Wolframite is a mineral generally resistant to atmospheric agencies that effect oxidation and leaching, and because of this it commonly remains in the outcrop or may go into placer accumulations. Apparently in the presence of abundant sulphuric acid formed from associated pyrite some of the wolframite is removed, leaving behind a cavity and a light dusting of yellow, powdery tungstite (Wo3). That all of the cavities now seen in vein material from the oxidized zone were formerly occupied by wolframite is, of course, highly improbable. From most of these it is obvious that pyrite, or chalcopyrite, or chalcocite has been removed. In places, however, a subordinate number of the cavities probably represent the former sites of wolframite grains, and here at shallow depth the tungsten content of the sulphide zone should be somewhat richer than that of the outcrop. However, it does not follow that the tenor will improve

everywhere at depth, particularly below the quartz-free stretches of veins where tungsten deposition appears to have been scanty.

There are a considerable number of these pyrite-wolframite veins on the property. I observed 8 of them, and there are said to be others. The various vein structures appear to be persistent for several thousand feet, but this could not be properly checked during the limited time available for their examination. As previously warned, mineralization is not continuous along them but is found as intermittent lenses and shoots.

The better stretches of the veins occur where their walls are composed of Pinal schist. Apparently where they enter Madera diorite they weaken. However, this point could not be determined precisely because of poor exposures in such situations.

On the northwest, 8 claims comprise the so-called "lead group". Time permitted only a brief visit to this area, and not a great deal was learned about this type of mineralization.

Apparently there are a number of lead-bearing veins striking about N 25 E and cutting the Pinal schist. One of them exhibited a quartz-cemented breccia with associated anglesite, cerussite and galena, and several ounces of silver are said to be present with the lead.

EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION

From the above description it will be noted that there are substantial mineral showings on the property, and, in view of this, the scarcity of exploration and development workings is very surprising. This is particularly so when we recall the

active search for tungsten made a few years ago during the war by various agencies. It would seem that leasing was not encouraged by the owner, and, as a consequence, the property now suffers by not having been opened up.

There are a few short tunnels driven in at shallow depth on some of the tungsten veins, but their sites were not always selected to expose the veins to advantage. The better quartz lenses commonly form hill tops or ridges, and surface cuts and pits have explored some of these situations to very shallow depth and have produced a few tons of sorted ore. Apparently nowhere has a leached outcrop containing numerous cavities representing former sulphides been followed downward to determine the amount of tungsten carried in the underlying sulphide zone. Neither has enough work been done below the quartz-poor stretches to determine their actual worth at depth.

The owner reports that the following shipments of tungsten ore have been made from the property over a period of years:

30 tons @ 3.8% WO₃ 6 tons @ 4.0% "3 3-3/4 tons @ 3.5% WO₃ 8 tons @ 1.74% WO₃

There is little doubt that these were carefully handsorted lots and that they do not represent a run-of-mine grade.

The 8 tons @ 1.74% WO₃ is said to be a reject from re-sorting.

It would thus appear that the grade in place of the better quartz lenses might be around 2½% WO₃.

Some silver and gold are reported from these veins. It can probably be assumed that these precious metals are associated with

Unfavorable features are the following:

- 1. Most of the wolframite appears to be in the quartz lenses, and these apparently make up only a fraction of the veins.
- 2. The average vein width is rather narrow.
- 3. Being situate near an irregular intrusive contact, there is always the hazard of the Madera diorite coming in to make up the vein walls with apparently an accompanying deterioration in the quality of the vein.
- 4. Ore shoots in tungsten veins are notoriously erratic, and such deposits are commonly limited to shallow or moderate depth. Consequently they must always be approached with caution.
- 5. Limited accessibility due to precipitous topography will make exploration expensive because either costly roads must be built or long tunnels driven.

Factors of an uncertain nature, the determination of which would have an important bearing on the worth of the property, should be noted, as follows:

- 1. The amount of tungsten that might be found at added depth below the leached and porous quartz has a bearing on evaluation. In other words, has an important amount of wolframite been leached from the cavities that we now see (because of the ability of the associated pyrite to form acid) and might we expect to find below such outcrops a considerably better grade of tungsten than that now remaining at such places at and near the surface? It is my opinion that an important improvement would not be found, but there is a chance to be fooled on this point. Nevertheless, even if such improvement did appear, we cannot yet demonstrate that it would be worthwhile from a tonnage standpoint.
- 2. Whether or not wolframite is abundant in stretches of the veins where they carry little or no quartz has an important bearing on evaluating the property. Very little work has been done in these places, and commonly their outcrops are not prominent. Apparently some sulphides are found in this environment, but, from what little I could see, wolframite does not occur in worthwhile amounts. This is an important point, because the bulk of the veins are of this type. The amount of precious metals contained could also be an important factor here.

Exploration possibilities in the lead zone are extremely difficult to forecast. Only a very brief visit was made to this area and little could be seen because of soil cover and scarcity of workings. Certain favorable comparisons can be drawn between the occurrence of these deposits in Pinal schist and the Coeur d' Alene deposits in similar rocks of the Belt series. My impression was that those on the Westlake property were lenticular and spotty, as similar deposits have been found to be elsewhere in the district.

CONCLUSIONS

From the evidence now at hand it appears that the tungstenbearing veins on the Westlake property will contain scattered and erratic ore shoots of limited size separated by considerable stretches of low-grade vein material. Coupled with the inaccessibility of much of the ground, the cost of development would be high. It would seem that this is an appropriate property for an active and resourceful group of leasers during times of high tungsten prices, but a difficult proposition for a big company to handle economically.

On the other hand, we must admit that the total vein length making up the entire system is attractive, and that it contains good tungsten ore in places. If commercial ore were found to connect the better shoots——with values in tungsten, precious metals, or both——then a worthwhile tonnage might be developed. The exploration cost of determining whether or not such connecting ore exists, along with the necessary expenses to initiate the

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the area here being considered. These rocks carry phenocrysts of quartz and orthoclose set in a dense, light-colored groundmass.

A similar-appearing rock was noted here and there along some of the northerly-trending veins in the Westlake ground, although in places it was difficult to ascertain whether the rock was really a quartz porphyry or a coarsely recrystallized phase of the Pinal schist. Elsewhere in the district, quartz porphyry dikes and irregular small bodies are associated with disseminated copper ore. Injection of quartz porphyry was the last igneous event just prior to primary copper metallization, and, although rather scantily mineralized itself, quartz porphyry in minor amounts is a persistent associate in many of the copper-bearing zones.

The structure of the Westlake area is not well known because of generally poor exposures. Apparently foliation and bedding in the Pinal schist coincide in attitude and strike northeasterly and dip to the north in conformity with the regional pattern. There is a pronounced system of faults or fractures striking about N 25 E along which numerous veins have formed. The southward-pointing wedge of Madera diorite has already been mentioned.

MINERALIZATION

In a general way, the Globe-Miami district may be described as a great northeasterly zone of copper mineralization about 15 miles long lying north of the Schultze granite, and it is composed of a number of northeasterly elements arranged en echelon. Both north of Globe near the east end of the district and west of the Castle Dome and Cactus ore bodies on the west are scattered marginal deposits of lead and zinc with here and there a few spots of vanadium. As far as I know, none of these marginal deposits have developed into mines of any importance. South of the Schultze granite (which is only a few miles wide) is a broad band of very light copper mineralization leading southwest of Mt. Madera which contains only a few small deposits of any value. The Westlake ground lies east and south of this zone and shows two types of mineralization, namely: (1) a limited area with lead-silver ore, and (2) a more extended zone of pyrite-wolframite veins which become copper-bearing toward the south. These two types of mineralization are generally found in the Pinal schist near its irregular contact against the wedge of Madera diorite previously noted.

The pyrite-wolframite veins on the Westlake claims are along fractures or faults that strike about N 25 E and for the most part follow a fairly regular course for several thousand feet. Occasionally subsidiary elements diverge along bedding trends or northwesterly fractures, but in general the N 25 E strike is maintained. In a few places the dip was seen to be toward the west at moderate or steep angles, but in many cases the direction and amount of dip could not be determined. Along much of their strike the veins seemed to be from 2 to 10 feet in width with an average of about 5 or 6 feet. As earlier mentioned, dikes of quartz porphyry appear to have been squirted in here and there

along a number of the mineralized fractures.

Mineralization is manifested within these veins in three ways, namely: (1) by the erratic development of stringers and lenses of white quartz intermittently along their courses; (2) by the deposition of sulphides, apparently somewhat more regularly along them; and (3) by the formation of wolframite and lesser amounts of other tungsten minerals in association with the vein quartz.

The amount of quartz developed is of much practical importance because of the wolframite associated with it. It appears to occur as irregular lenses erratically disposed along the veins. Time was not available to determine closely what proportion of the numerous veins was quartz-bearing, but my definite impression was that these more favorable stretches made up only a minor fraction. Not all of the quartz is accompanied by sulphides or tungsten-bearing minerals.

Sulphides were deposited with the quartz in variable amount but generally in fair abundance. They also occur along stretches of the vein where quartz is scanty or lacking. Pyrite is the most abundant sulphide, but toward the south relicts after chalcopyrite and chalcocite are prominent in the vein outcrops. A little sphalerite was noted, and molybdenite is reported from several places.

Wolframite is the most abundant tungsten-bearing mineral.

Apparently huebnerite and ferberite are also present, and a little scheelite is an occasional associate. Much of the wolframite is in

small grains from one to a few millimeters in size, but in some specimens it is much finer in texture.

As might be expected in such precipitous terrane, the extent of oxidation is quite shallow, and sulphides are found at little depth and even in the denser portions of the outcrop itself. However. at and close to the surface pyrite has generally been removed, and its former presence is now marked by numerous cleanly washed cavities. None of the usual brightly colored minerals were found betraying the former presence of copper sulphides, but their earlier existence in the vein is clearly reflected by "chalcopyrite boxwork" of textbook perfection and by so-called "relief limonite" after chalcocite. Wolframite is a mineral generally resistant to atmospheric agencies that effect oxidation and leaching, and because of this it commonly remains in the outcrop or may go into placer accumulations. Apparently in the presence of abundant sulphuric acid formed from associated pyrite some of the wolframite is removed, leaving behind a cavity and a light dusting of yellow, powdery tungstite (Wo3). That all of the cavities now seen in vein material from the oxidized zone were formerly occupied by wolframite is, of course, highly improbable. From most of these it is obvious that pyrite, or chalcopyrite, or chalcocite has been removed. In places, however, a subordinate number of the cavities probably represent the former sites of wolframite grains, and here at shallow depth the tungsten content of the sulphide zone should be somewhat richer than that of the outcrop. However, it does not follow that the tenor will improve

everywhere at depth, particularly below the quartz-free stretches of veins where tungsten deposition appears to have been scanty.

There are a considerable number of these pyrite-wolframite veins on the property. I observed 8 of them, and there are said to be others. The various vein structures appear to be persistent for several thousand feet, but this could not be properly checked during the limited time available for their examination. As previously warned, mineralization is not continuous along them but is found as intermittent lenses and shoots.

The better stretches of the veins occur where their walls are composed of Pinal schist. Apparently where they enter Madera diorite they weaken. However, this point could not be determined precisely because of poor exposures in such situations.

On the northwest, 8 claims comprise the so-called "lead group". Time permitted only a brief visit to this area, and not a great deal was learned about this type of mineralization.

Apparently there are a number of lead-bearing veins striking about N 25 E and cutting the Pinal schist. One of them exhibited a quartz-cemented breccia with associated anglesite, cerussite and galena, and several ounces of silver are said to be present with the lead.

EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION

From the above description it will be noted that there are substantial mineral showings on the property, and, in view of this, the scarcity of exploration and development workings is very surprising. This is particularly so when we recall the

active search for tungsten made a few years ago during the war by various agencies. It would seem that leasing was not encouraged by the owner, and, as a consequence, the property now suffers by not having been opened up.

AND STREET

There are a few short tunnels driven in at shallow depth on some of the tungsten veins, but their sites were not always selected to expose the veins to advantage. The better quartz lenses commonly form hill tops or ridges, and surface cuts and pits have explored some of these situations to very shallow depth and have produced a few tons of sorted ore. Apparently nowhere has a leached outcrop containing numerous cavities representing former sulphides been followed downward to determine the amount of tungsten carried in the underlying sulphide zone. Neither has enough work been done below the quartz-poor stretches to determine their actual worth at depth.

The owner reports that the following shipments of tungsten ore have been made from the property over a period of years:

30 tons @ 3.8% WO₃ 6 tons @ 4.0% "3 3-3/4 tons @ 3.5% WO₃ 8 tons @ 1.74% WO₃

There is little doubt that these were carefully handsorted lots and that they do not represent a run-of-mine grade. The 8 tons @ 1.74% WO₃ is said to be a reject from re-sorting. It would thus appear that the grade in place of the better quartz lenses might be around $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ WO₃.

Some silver and gold are reported from these veins. It can probably be assumed that these precious metals are associated with

the sulphides and vary in tenor considerably along the course of the various veins.

The lead-bearing zones have likewise received very scanty exploration. There is one shaft that has followed a vein to some moderate depth from which a small shipment is reported. I was shown surface trenching that had exposed a narrow lead-bearing vein of quartz-cemented breccia in Pinal schist.

The owner reports the following from this area:

6 tons @ 78% Pb

1/2 ton @ 49% Pb

\$5.49 Au

4.8 oz. Ag.

5 tons @ about 10% Pb.

These are again obviously sorted products prepared for packing out from an inaccessible area.

EXPLORATION POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities of finding worthwhile ore deposits on the Westlake property will be indicated by a proper balancing of favorable, unfavorable, and uncertain features, insofar as these are now evident. Brafly stated, the various factors to be considered are as follows: Those of a favorable nature are:

- 1. There is a well developed system of veins, most of its members being persistent for several thousand feet. This considerable aggregate strike length adds importantly to the potentialities of the ground.
- 2. Abundant tungsten has been found in or near portions of the outcrops of most of the veins, and a number of small shipments have been made.
- 3. Accessary values in other metals will enhance the grade of the ore, provided metallurgical recoveries prove to be satisfactory.

Unfavorable features are the following:

- 1. Most of the wolframite appears to be in the quartz lenses, and these apparently make up only a fraction of the veins.
- 2. The average vein width is rather narrow.
- 3. Being situate near an irregular intrusive contact, there is always the hazard of the Madera diorite coming in to make up the vein walls with apparently an accompanying deterioration in the quality of the vein.
- 4. Ore shoots in tungsten veins are notoriously erratic, and such deposits are commonly limited to shallow or moderate depth. Consequently they must always be approached with caution.
- 5. Limited accessibility due to precipitous topography will make exploration expensive because either costly roads must be built or long tunnels driven.

Factors of an uncertain nature, the determination of which would have an important bearing on the worth of the property, should be noted, as follows:

- 1. The amount of tungsten that might be found at added depth below the leached and porous quartz has a bearing on evaluation. In other words, has an important amount of wolframite been leached from the cavities that we now see (because of the ability of the associated pyrite to form acid) and might we expect to find below such outcrops a considerably better grade of tungsten than that now remaining at such places at and near the surface? It is my opinion that an important improvement would not be found, but there is a chance to be fooled on this point. Nevertheless, even if such improvement did appear, we cannot yet demonstrate that it would be worthwhile from a tonnage standpoint.
- 2. Whether or not wolframite is abundant in stretches of the veins where they carry little or no quartz has an important bearing on evaluating the property. Very little work has been done in these places, and commonly their outcrops are not prominent. Apparently some sulphides are found in this environment, but, from what little I could see, wolframite does not occur in worthwhile amounts. This is an important point, because the bulk of the veins are of this type. The amount of precious metals contained could also be an important factor here.

Exploration possibilities in the lead zone are extremely difficult to forecast. Only a very brief visit was made to this area and little could be seen because of soil cover and scarcity of workings. Certain favorable comparisons can be drawn between the occurrence of these deposits in Pinal schist and the Coeur d' Alene deposits in similar rocks of the Belt series. My impression was that those on the Westlake property were lenticular and spotty, as similar deposits have been found to be elsewhere in the district.

CONCLUSIONS

From the evidence now at hand it appears that the tungstenbearing veins on the Westlake property will contain scattered and erratic ore shoots of limited size separated by considerable stretches of low-grade vein material. Coupled with the inaccessibility of much of the ground, the cost of development would be high. It would seem that this is an appropriate property for an active and resourceful group of leasers during times of high tungsten prices, but a difficult proposition for a big company to handle economically.

On the other hand, we must admit that the total vein length making up the entire system is attractive, and that it contains good tungsten ore in places. If commercial ore were found to connect the better shoots——with values in tungsten, precious metals, or both——then a worthwhile tonnage might be developed. The exploration cost of determining whether or not such connecting ore exists, along with the necessary expenses to initiate the

project, would be high. The preliminary phase of this work (legal, surveying, geology, sampling, test-pitting and a few drill holes) would probably cost \$25,000, and (if the first phase were encouraging) succeeding exploration to properly test several veins at depth along their strike would be very expensive. Thus viewed, the cost of the gamble appears too high in comparison with the possible reward that might be gained. Consequently, on the basis of present information, I do not recommend that the property be acquired.

However, the ground does have some merit, and past exploration has been very scanty. If there is some doubt that the above conclusions do not rest on a sufficiently sound basis, then I suggest that the property be examined somewhat more carefully by traversing a number of the more important veins throughout their entire strike lengths and determining the ratio of length of quartz lenses to unsilicified stretches as well as the distances exhibiting tungsten mineralization. This information, along with a fair amount of sampling, would be of great assistance in arriving at a sharper evaluation of mining possibilities. At the same time a closer appraisal could also be made of the so-called lead zone.

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