

Golconda—This mine in the Cerbat range is producing zinc ore. A mill is being installed and arrangements for power drills made to increase the operations. John Boyle is manager.

The Golconda zinc mine of Arizona has shut down temporarily to allow of extensive improvements which are calculated to make the mine even a greater producer. For a number of years the mine has been worked with facilities that now have proven inadequate, and in order to make the necessary changes it was necessary to shut down the mine so that the shaft could be enlarged and sunk at least 200 feet deeper and to permit of the equipment of new timbers and the installation of much machinery. The employment of an auto truck to haul the ore to shipping points is expected to cut down the transportation expense one-half.

Mohave Miner: J. F. Kent and S. E. Yount, accompanied W. H. Smith to the Copperville country this week and also took in the big McCracken property. They also looked over properties in the Stockton Hill section, making an investigation of the Golconda. The gentlemen are the larger owners of the Good Springs zinc mines and have the greatest body of calomine ore in the country opened in the 600 foot shaft of that property, but were greatly impressed with the Golconda as a zinc producer, the value of ores in the latter mine being much higher than anything they had ever seen. They were also impressed with the great veins in the lower end of the Wallpais and expressed the belief that this would be one of the greatest mining sections of the United States. Messrs. Kent and Yount will make another visit to this county and try to get something that they believe will develop into a producer. W. H. Smith, who had the party in charge, sold them the big mines that they are now operating at Good Springs and they have faith in his judgment of what constitutes a desirable prospect.

Zinc has advanced a few pegs and when it passes 6 cents Manager Boyle, of the Golconda, will be justified in opening the throttle to the extent of two cars, 75 tons daily. Golconda is a great zinc mine, but between the mine tax hold up and low price of the metal, very little is doing now compared to the time when zinc was up and there was no sand baggers of the mining industry abroad in the developing mineral belt.

GOLCONDA (Golconda)—Company is shipping regularly to smelters at Bartlesville, Okla. Ore is hauled from Golconda to railway in auto trucks.

GOLCONDA (Golconda)—The hoisting equipment on this property is being overhauled and the shaft straightened and repaired. It is said to be the intention of the management to install a skip and hoist of greater capacity.

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GOLCONDA (Golconda)—Timbering of the shaft is practically completed and it is expected that mining will be resumed within a few days.

GOLCONDA (Golconda)—The timbering and enlarging of the shaft on this property has just been completed from the 400- to the 200-ft. level, and is progressing rapidly from the 200-ft. level to the surface. There is a large amount of ore on all the levels opened and also in the Prosperity tunnel. Within six weeks this property will probably resume shipments of its zinc ore to the Oklahoma smelters.

GOLCONDA (Golconda)—Shaft sinking is in progress, it being understood that shaft is to be sunk from 500- to 700-ft. level. At present, there is a large tonnage of zinc ore in sight. An auto truck is being used to haul ore and concentrates from mine to railroad, a distance of four miles.

Has produced many millions of dollars in the past, and is now entering an era of prosperity heretofore unknown. The two great producers in this Range of mineral is the Golconda and Tennessee. The former produces more zinc than the balance of the State and the latter more lead. They are great mines, and will be greater with depth. Tennessee has the deepest shaft in the county 900 feet with a mountain of ore going down. Golconda is being developed to deeper levels and will be prepared to double its present output as soon as the price of zinc makes a turn for the better. The old Distaff at Chloride, is a famous producer of high grade ore. They have a little concentrator.

Golconda
This property has been repeatedly referred to in these columns as the largest producer of zinc in the southwest and the only mine to produce purely zinc ores in the state. The mine in early days was opened up on lead-silver ores, and as it developed greater zinc contents the less desirable was the ores. It lay practically idle for a number of years. But during the last few years when zinc has been in greater demand the mine has been worked more energetically and during this period has produced probably \$800,000. Recently an increased and better hoisting equipment has been added to the mine. The ores extracted are shipped to Bartlesville, Okla., where they are treated in the big ovens and retorts of the Beer-Londheimer plant. The ore still carries a value in gold and lead, which is saved in the treatment, and is an important factor in the reduction returns.

GOLCONDA (Oatman)—A crosscut is being driven to north from 100-ft. level, toward original find in old Ben Doran shaft. Mine is operated by California Southern Corporation.

Mohave Miner: The great Golconda, is the best zinc mine in the world, for it produces the best grade of zinc. An average of over 40 tons of concentrates are shipped daily to the smelter. During the week G. Caetani, of San Francisco and O. J. H. Collier, of Oakland, were guests of John Boyle, owner of the Golconda, and these gentleman were taken through the workings. Thousands of feet development work has been done and immense bodies of highgrade zinc ore are disclosed. The best grade is taken from the deepest workings in the property.

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1 The Golconda Consolidated Mines, operating the Gem claims at Cerbat in the Wallapai district, 12 miles north of Kingman, and the Fredonia property at Golconda, about 1½ miles farther north, is about to begin driving north on the 500-ft. level of the Gem on a vein which is four feet wide of good value. The drift will be advanced 200 ft. or more to catch the downward extension of what is known as the Ayers ore-shoot, which is credited with a past production of nearly \$200,000 in the upper levels. There still remains on these levels a large tonnage of milling ore, upon which successful mill tests have recently been made, a total saving of from 85 to 87%, 80% by amalgamation. The ore extracted on the new levels will be treated in a reduction plant already on the ground, consisting of a 20-ton Nissen mill and concentrators. It is the intention of the management to increase the capacity of the plant to 50 tons daily as soon as conditions in the mines justify. It is also the plan to install at an early date a large compressor and machine-drills. *M. C. Jones Feb 26-16*

RYAN IS NAMED GENERAL MANAGER FOR UNION METALS GOLCONDA MINES

Judge J. P. Ryan has been appointed general manager for the Union Metals Company, operating the Fredonia group, adjoining the big Golconda, and the Golconda Annex group of six claims in the same territory. A. W. Clapp has been appointed superintendent.

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At a depth of 40 feet in the Fredonia shaft, sixteen feet of the vein assayed \$13.60. While breaking ground for timbers near the bottom of this shaft Monday last a shoot 16 inches wide was cut. Assays of this showed values of 6 percent copper, \$1.40 gold and 95 ounces silver, a total value of about \$125 per ton. Sinking of this shaft will be prosecuted vigorously.

This company has begun driving a tunnel on the Golconda Annex to open at depth the four foot vein that has been opened slightly by shallow cuts farther up the hill from the tunnel site. On the opposite side of the hill from this working, the company has a force of miners sacking ore from this same vein.

Golconda Mine Resumes Work

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The Golconda mine of the Union Basin Mining company today adopted the Oatman-Chloride scale of wages, granting an increase of 25 to 50 cents a day in wages, and will resume operations tomorrow. John D. Wanvig, general manager, telephoned the Miner office at 2:30 this afternoon that he thought the trouble had been settled and that he would undertake the operation of the mine on the same basis of pay as the other big camps are conducted.

Union officials have assured the Golconda mine that if the Oatman-Chloride scale were adopted they would not consider it on the unfair list, and would support the men in returning to work, as against the I. W. W.

Mr. Wanvig said that as a number of the miners had left the camp for other mines in the district, he would need from 100 to 150 men. If a sufficient number report for work tomorrow morning the entire property will be worked and all the shifts put on. Twenty-five or thirty men had been working on construction work. It is believed that the mine and mill will be in operation immediately and that there will be no further difficulties.

MINER IS KILLED IN FALL 90 FEET DOWN THE GOLCONDA SHAFT JUN 28 1917

(From Thursday's Daily Miner)

Frank Blancarte slipped and fell from the 1,200 level to the bottom of the Golconda shaft, a distance of 90 feet, yesterday morning and was instantly killed. He had been instructed to go to the bottom to get a small pair of pipe tongs being used in the work, and coming to the trap door on the 1,200 level, raised the door and placed his right hand on the ladder and the left hand on the raised trap door. He was seen suddenly to slip and fall from view into the hole below.

The shaft is an incline, and in consequence he rolled over and over as he fell toward the bottom, breaking the left leg and crushing the skull in contact with the timbers.

The deceased had been in the employ of the Union Basin Mining company for more than a year, and had just recently returned from a visit to his wife and child at Oro Grande, Cal., where they still reside. He was 25 years of age and was respected by all who knew him.

Coroner Smith was called and summoned a jury, which found that his death was an unavoidable accident.

Undertaker Van Marter brought the remains to Kingman, where they will be held awaiting instructions from relatives.

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FIRE DESTROYS GOLCONDA MILL; TOWN THREATENED

Heroic Work on Part of Fire-fighters Prevents Flames From Spreading

OCT 7 1917 to Village

Fire, which for a time threatened the town, completely destroyed the mill and other buildings of the Golconda mine Thursday afternoon.

The origin of the fire is in doubt, but the explanation which receives credence is that the oil in one of the flotation tanks boiled over and took fire from the flames under the boiler, and spread so rapidly that all efforts to check it were futile.

The alarm was given at once, and every man available was put to work fighting the flames, but their efforts went for naught, as the fire by the time they arrived was so fierce that none of the men could get close enough to the building to do any good.

The mill building and its contents were completely destroyed, as was the cook house and a pool room in the vicinity, and a few other small buildings.

After the hardest kind of work on the part of the fire-fighters, the blaze was confined to the

buildings mentioned, and danger to the town averted.

It was feared for a time that the fire would get so far beyond the control of the men fighting it that the buildings in the village, which are nearly all of frame construction, would become ignited from flying sparks, but a fortunate slight shifting of the wind carried the sparks to a locality where they did no harm.

The Desert Power and Water Company force of men in Golconda were at once put to work repairing damage done to power lines, and by working steadily through the night, had an auxiliary compressor and pump hooked up and working by 2 a. m. this morning.

Officials of the company state that the buildings were covered by insurance, and that plans are being prepared and, when completed, reconstruction will begin at once.

Development work, it is reported, will go on, and orders have come from the offices in Denver that all men possible are to be kept at work.

MINING COMPANY BUYS MACHINERY

Last week, when Gus S. Holmes, of Los Angeles, was in Kingman, he made the purchase of about \$15,000 worth of machinery from the Golconda mine, the machinery being practically new and of a type necessary for the new milling plant that is soon to be installed at the Hackberry mine. The other machinery will soon be on the ground and the work of assembling will be under way. It is the intention of the management of the Hackberry company to build a plant capable of handling not less than 250 tons daily. The mill is to be placed on the property, an ideal site being available within a few feet of the collar of the new shaft.

The Hackberry mine is now in splendid shape, great bodies of ore being blocked out in all the levels. On the 600 and 750 levels the ore bodies are immense and the values high. So far as opened there is not a barren spot in the mine, and the management believes it has one of the greatest silver-lead-zinc mines in the state. Every day brings to light more and more ore. As soon as the mill is in operation the main shaft will be carried to the 1000-foot level.

WELL KNOWN MINING MAN DIES AT JEROME

R. B. Jordan, well known in Kingman and the mining camps of this county, is reported to have died at Jerome about two weeks ago. His family was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Jordan was employed at the Golconda mine in this county for several years, the closing of the property causing him to remove with his family to Jerome. He was a fine fellow and well liked wherever known.

GOLCONDA MILL IS TO BE REBUILT SOON

John D. Wanvig, Jr., general manager of the Union Basin Mining company at Golconda, returned Friday from the east, where he has been in conference with the officials of the company relative to reconstruction of the mill at Golconda, which was burned down a short time ago. Mr. Wanvig stated that the mill would be re-built but that the design and details had not yet been worked out.

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Arrangements are now being completed for sinking the shaft of the Oatman Golconda to a depth of 425 feet as rapidly as the work can possibly be accomplished.

The Golconda has a complete equipment on the property sufficient for carrying on this work, and the shaft has already been sunk to a depth of about 50 feet.

It is proposed to have the work done by contract, and bids for the same are being received by H. Ray Woods at Old Trails, who is looking after the interests of his cousin, Frank M. Woods of Denver, president of the company.

The Golconda has always been regarded as one of the most promising properties of the entire district. It consists of a group of six claims, lying immediately between the Pioneer and the Leland, both of which have been producers in the past and which are to be further developed in the near future.

The same vein system which has been explored on both these adjoining properties, traverses the Golconda ground.

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The Golconda Mines company has one of the largest estates in the Wallapai mining district, and for that matter one of the richest, and it is to be hoped that the company will soon get the properties into production. During the ownership of the Golconda John Rowle,

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tree to the Golconda at low depth, as well as the Prosperity, Primrose or Highland, and still further on the Blackfoot claims is made through the Middle Golconda tunnel. This tunnel has not yet reached the Golconda proper, although in the old estate of that company, but the south drift on the Prosperity may be carried into a deep part of the Golconda workings and make possible the unwatering and drying out of that property at low cost.

And regarding the Golconda. That mine has an immense tonnage of heavy zinc ore, the shoot being 1200 feet in length. Six hundred feet of that shoot is hard ore, which can be produced and shipped without mill treatment, while the other end of the big shoot is in soft material and almost impossible of being taken down without mixing it with low mill dirt, which necessitates its being milled. During the war days the mine shipped to market 1500 tons monthly of better than 40 per cent raw ores and concentrates. This tonnage, it was stated by the old management, could be kept up for at least two years, without further development, although the paralleling vein, the Tub, was of still great ore bearing potentiality, being in places fully 50 feet wide and the ore ranging from a few feet to that width, a large shoot of it being 11 feet wide, from which a large tonnage of raw ore was shipped. This vein is one of the largest in that section of the country and is mineralized for fully 1000 feet in length.

Aside from the Golconda, two other veins have important values, the Prosperity, Primrose, or Highland, Blackfoot and some extensions of these veins. Everyone of these is ore bearing, having produced large tonnage of very rich material, much of it being produced by Chloriders. As an accessory to the other veins the development to be carried on through the Middle Golconda, where there is a big tonnage of good grade mill ore, is worth while, as this tunnel will handle the water to that level drying out the veins and cutting the costs of mining materially. The Middle Golconda is the key to the situation and the company is to be congratulated on securing this property.

One of the big features of the company is the milling plant that with a small amount of additions will be able to successfully handle ores from any part of this estate, and already work is being mapped out for the conversion of the mill into an up-to-date plant. This work will be under the direction of R. C. Jacobson, a metallurgist of ability, well known to all the mining interests of this county. Mr. Jacobson is at the present time making an underground survey of the mines of the company and will soon have an assay plat of the big veins for use in production for the mill. Mr. Jacobson is to have command of operations at the property and expects to have capable men in both mine and mill to insure heavy output and high recovery. Knowing his abilities we feel assured that he will bring this property to successful production.

Pres. Black is on his way to the coast, whence he will return to his Wisconsin home to prepare for permanent residence at the mine in this county. Alexander Rose, who has been here the past several years, remains as secretary

business men believe in this property and feel assured that it will soon be among the big producers of the important metals—gold, silver, copper and lead.

GOLCONDA MINING COMPANY FORMED

MEETING GOLCONDA MINING CO. THE 15

GOLCONDA PROPERTIES IN BIG MINES MERGER H

On the fifteenth of this month the Golconda Mining company shareholders are to hold their special meeting in Kingman for the purpose of selecting officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of other important business. The meeting takes the place of the annual meeting, which is usually held after the first of the year.

The Golconda has one of the richest zinc mining estates in the southwest, the Golconda and Tuveins being wonderfully rich blends. A mill was built on part of the property some years ago and with minor changes should be in position to put out a high grade product. The mines have been opened to a good depth and have immense ore reserves that could now be producing at big profit and it is to be hoped that the meeting on the 15th will bring about the inauguration of production at the mines. The estate is one of the largest in the county and with proper handling should soon have the company in the dividend class.

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Dec. 5, 1940.

Bureau of Mines,
Phoenix,
Arizona.

General:

Mr. I. J. Edwards,
707 Cherry Ave.,
Long Beach, Cal.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Replying to your letter of November 29, I wish to advise that the MOHAVE COUNTY MINER of Kingman published an article August 22, 1940 regarding the Golconda Copper Company. This article states that the property is a lead and zinc mine, whereas your letter indicates that the one in which you are interested is a copper property.

The property referred to in the Kingman newspaper is optioned to the Gold Cliff Central Mining Company. I would suggest that you address a letter to R. E. Tabor, President of the Company, and determine whether this is the company in which you are interested. If the Golconda Mine in the newspaper article is the one in which you are interested, this article states that a mill was being erected in August and it was expected to go into production in September.

Yours very truly,

T. G. Chapman,
Director, Arizona Bureau of Mines.

IRA J. EDWARDS
REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENTS
~~2415 BAYVIEW STREET~~ 707 Cherry Ave.,
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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November 29th, 1940

Bureau of Mines,
Phoenix,
Arizona.

Gentlemen;-

I wish to inquire regarding a corporation organized in your state under the name of Golconda Copper Co. Stock was issued by this corporation in the year 1907 and held by a party of this city.

I would appreciate knowing if this corporation is in existance and if so where is the office of the company.

Thanking you, I am.

Yours truly,

I. J. Edwards

**Bollinger And Williams
Plan Reopening of Old
Golconda Zinc Mine**

Kingsman 143
Mine Produced Over \$6,000,000 Worth

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July 2, 1958

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Gentlemen:

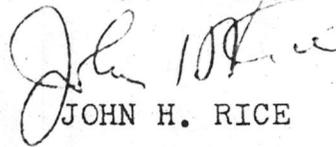
I am interested in obtaining, if available a copy of your Department's Bulletin #20, Series #11, published for the years 1915-1916. This Bulletin pertained to zinc.

I am attempting to gather pertinent information on the old Golconda Mine in Mohave County, Arizona, which is mentioned in your Bulletin above referred to. This mine has not operated since 1917, when its mill was totally destroyed by fire, but in preceding years the mine had gained some prominence as a source of zinc, gold and silver.

I am a stockholder in an Arizona corporation which has acquired a lease on the Golconda claims and I am intrigued with the romantic stories about the mine which now pass as hearsay in the Kingman area.

Perhaps you can offer me leads as to where information might be available as to the early history of this mine.

Very truly yours,


JOHN H. RICE

JHR/mw

July 14, 1958

Mr. John H. Rice
900 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 17, Calif.

Dear Mr. Rice:

Referring to your letter of July 2, Bulletin No. 20, Series 11 quoted from the Mohave County Miner "The Golconda is one of the most ideal zinc mines in the world. Its ore is free from all deleterious bases, that make the western zinc ores hard to handle. It is for this reason that the mine was able to get one of the best contracts ever offered a producing zinc mine in the United States, with a great market all of the time." This is all that is written about the Golconda in the bulletin.

The following may have some information:

1. "SOME LIVE PROSPECTS IN THE CHLORIDE MINING DISTRICT," Ariz. Min. Jour., vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 15-17, 45 (1920).
2. "THE CHLORIDE DISTRICT, ARIZONA", Eng. Min. Jour., Vol. 70, pp. 97-98 (1900) by T. B. Comstock.
3. "WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE CHLORIDE MINING DISTRICT, ARIZONA", Min. Journal, Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 13-14 (1920).
4. "CHLORIDE AND WALLAPAI MINING DISTRICT, ARIZONA," Min. Jour., Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 74-75 (1919).

These articles may give some history of the Golconda Mine.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Roseveare
Metallurgist



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FROM THE GATES

May 22, 1945

Arizona Bureau of Mines
Phoenix
Arizona

Goldonda Mine

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate receiving from you the statistics of production in metals and the values each contained throughout the operating period of the Golconda Mine in the Wallapai Mining District in Mohave County, Arizona.

Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Albert Morrison
Albert Morrison

Hotel Gates
Los Angeles 14,
California.

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HAYWARD, CALIF.

SIXTH FLOOR
LOS ANGELES

May 31, 1945

Mr. F. Albert Morrison
Hotel Gates
Los Angeles 14, Cal.

Dear Mr. Morrison: Mineo
Phoenix
Arizona

Your letter dated May 22 has been forwarded here from Phoenix.

The following production figures for the Golconda mine are given on page 95 of Arizona Bureau of Mines Bulletin No. 140, "Arizona Metal Production:"

Golconda, 1902-30 --- 1,000,000 lbs. of copper,
the wa 10,000,000 pounds of lead, 60,000,000 pounds of
operat zinc, \$300,000 worth of gold, \$150,000 worth of
the wa silver, total value \$6,500,000 (figures approximate).
County, Arizona.

Thanking you, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Very truly yours,

Eldred D. Wilson
Geologist

California

Dept of Mines
Dear Sir:
2310 Belmont Ave
NYC 58
Jan 27, 1966

Would you please furnish
information regarding Arizona
Solconda Metals Inc.
being claims in sections 546
Treat 22, North Range 17 West
Gila & Salt County, Arizona.
Also Solconda location
Wallepai Mining District
Mohave County, Arizona

Your consideration and com-
ments on this property and
company shall be deeply appre-
ciated. As I am a novice
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response gratefully acknowledged
Thank you,

Sincerely yours
James Poschola

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Jan. 31, 1956

Mr. James Crocahiola,
2310 Belmont Ave.,
New York City 58

Dear Mr. Crocahiola:

In reply to your postal card of Jan. 24th., the only information we have regarding the Arizona Golconda Metals, Inc., is an item in the November, 1955, issue of Mining World, which reads as follows:

"Arizona Golconda Metals, Inc. is reopening the Old Golconda mine near Kingman, Arizona, which was abandoned in 1917 when fire destroyed the mill and ore bins. Work is presently being concentrated on the opening of one of the four original main tunnels, which leads to the Golconda shaft where ore is known to exist. The tunnel has been cleared of muck and timber, and is rapidly being pushed ahead. Track has been laid in the tunnel, and a locomotive and ten cars are in operation. Studies are under way to determine the most economical methods of treating the complex ore."

The Wallapai mining district has been described in the U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 978-E, entitled The Wallapai Mining District, Cerbat Mountains, Mohave County, Arizona. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for \$1.00.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Wilson
Geologist

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