

COPPER OUTPUT
TO BE CURTAILED

Amalgamated Co. Will Reduce
Amount from 20,000,000 to
7,000,000 lbs. Monthly.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS OFFICIAL

Means Laying Off of About 6
Per Cent of Men Employed
By Companies.

No Manifestation of Excitement
Buts—Policy Will be to Retain
Heads of Houses

Butte, Mont., Sept. 14.—Early part of the miners engaged in the actual production of ore in the mines of the Amalgamated North Butte smelted Metal, will be idle because of the Amalgamated company's decision to curtail the output of the plant.

from 26,000,000 pounds a month to about 7,000,000 pounds. This is given out to day on the authority of John Gillis, general manager for the company. This would mean, approximately, that about 2,000 out of a total working force of about 4,500, will be out of work on

the company resumes its normal operations. As it is estimated that about 1,500 men have been laid off during the past two or three weeks, it would appear that the worst of the policy curtailment has already been felt in Berlin. While there was no manifestation of dissatisfaction or ex-

ment, no crowds on the streets or in the public places, the announcement that the output of copper would be greatly reduced would mean the throwing out of employment of

large number of men was talked everywhere. Manager GILIE, President Duffy, of the Miners' union, and others concerned in the situation discussed it freely.

MANAGER GILIE TALKS

"Curtailling of production will mean the laying off of about 65 per cent of the men employed by the American

ed, North Butte, Red Metal and Pitts-
mont companies and others dependent
on the Amalgamated for ore treat-
ment," said Manager John Cullen.

morning. "This 60 per cent does not mean that portion of all men employed because there are what might be termed fixed positions—engineers, pumpmen and men employed on such things."

go on while the mines operate at all but it does mean that proportion of the men actually engaged in producing ore. This curtailment will affect the wage

ers at Great Falls and Apaconda to the extent of a reduction of about 50 percent of the employees outside the fixed positions. The lumber business of the

company will likewise suffer. To what extent, I cannot say on the moment because I have not the figures on the amount of commercial business by rail but the freight output and the business of the country will be affected.

for use in the construction work will be cut off by reason that all extension work will suspend. We have notified companies treating ore at Anacapa

that production will be reduced. This applies to them as to us. The smelters will not observe the Sunday rest day, nor will the concentrators, but

sections of the concentrators will be closed, and many furnaces blown out. The number has not been decided on.

PRESIDENT OF MINERS' UNION

President Duffy this morning estimated the reduction that had taken place in the mining force of the camp during the past two weeks at 1,400 men.

chiefly among employees of the H. J. Heinz Co. This reduction, he said, has been gradual: men who laid off found their time turned in and no one was

"The policy of the companies appears to be in favor of heads of families and old residents as against those who have come in more recently."

YELLOW FEVER IN CUBA.

AWARDED TO DR. CHARLES FINDLEY, Chief
Sanitary Officer of Cuba

chief military officer of the Panama canal zone