›S MINE AT EYRAS (FRANCE)

s made in our April 1948 number concern- Chateau-Queyras, France, and at that time hat the mine would be in operation within rt time.

s flood, however, occurred in the Valley of s, the first in the memory of man, at the hat year, which damaged the highway for



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fifteen miles, the power plant owned by th ffered heavy damage, the dam was destroyed ng between the dam and power plant was bad

damage has now been repaired and the own Mining Corporation and the French company es de France, have decided to install a Bible nway which will simplify their operations an duction.

amway, which will have a capacity of 40 to 5 ur, will take a more direct route than the road the distance between the mine, the altitude o which is 7,200 feet, and the mill (altitude 4,000 feet) to 17,668 feet—that is the length of the tramway.

All foundations and part of the preparatory work for the mill and tramway were completed before snow fall in 1949 and the completion of all construction is expected in early June.

The operating company is now confidently expected to be in operation this summer.

The Chateau-Queyras Valley is known in tourist guide books as the Valley of 300 days of sunshine in a year.

ASBESTOS FOR HEART TROUBLE

In our July 1943 number we mentioned the treating of heart ailments by the injecting of powdered asbestos into afflicted parts of the heart and then encasing that organ with the same material.

Apparently work has been done along this line since that time and methods improved upon judging by the accounts appearing in the newspapers the latter part of January.

It appears that Dr. B. N. Carter of the University of Cincinnati, described the technique to a conference of top heart surgeons, the conference being sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The operation is designed to increase the blood supply to the diseased heart by virtually glueing the patient's healthy lung to his heart by means of an asbestos paste "painted" onto the surface of each. The paste is made by putting powdered asbestos in a salt solution.

Dr. Carter told the conference that the function of the asbestos was to serve as an "irritant" that would cause nature to form new tissue at the point of attachment, and provide tiny blood channels between the lung and heart.

The operation has been performed on three patients so far; but undertaken in human cases only after experiments with 54 animals had indicated its effectiveness.

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