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*The Office Building of the Norristown Magnesia and Asbestos Company after explosion of Bomb.* *(See page 15)*



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# The Asbestos Built Up Roof

By O. A. Bigler

Among the many fields in which the use of asbestos is increasing, the built-up roofing field is extremely important. In the first place, the roof is the most essential part of the building. Many shelters are constructed which do not require side walls, but every building must have a roof. The roof is subject to much harder wear than any other exposed surface, and the average building owner gives it the least attention, as a rule. The reason is obvious; generally the roof is not thought of until it begins to leak.

Since so much is expected of the roof and so little care is given it, it is not strange that roofing manufacturers are continually trying to produce roofings which will give the best results with the least attention. One of the comparatively recent entries into the roofing field is the asbestos built-up roof. It consists of a number of layers of asphalt saturated asbestos paper, and the application is carried on in exactly the same manner as used with ordinary tarred felt and pitch built-up roofing, excepting that the layers are bonded together with hot asphalt instead of coal tar pitch. The felt is shipped to the job in rolls and the roof is generally applied by the same contractor who would apply built-up tarred roofing, or, as it is generally called, gravel or slag roofing.

There are, however, many essential differences between asbestos built-up roofing and gravel or slag roofing and they all accrue to the advantage of the former. The asphalt used to saturate the asbestos felt and the asphalt pitch used to combine the layers has a much higher melting point than the coal tar pitch used to saturate and combine the layers of built-up tarred roofing. Therefore, we find that the asbestos built-up roof is not affected by the summer's heat, because owing to the high melting point of the asphalt, the materials do not soften and run. On the other hand, the asphalt is far more flexible at low temperatures than is coal tar pitch; consequently, the winter season does not have any tendency to make the asbestos built-up roof brittle and cause breaks.

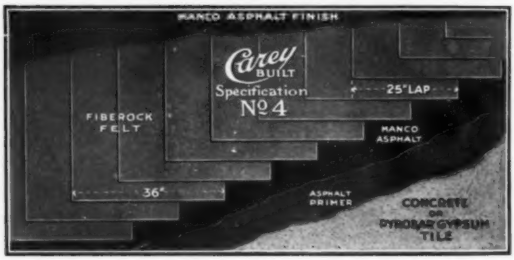
It will be seen from the foregoing that the asphalt is



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a very important factor in determining the merit of any asbestos built-up roof. The truth of this is proved by the fact that nearly all of the manufacturers of asbestos built-up roofing materials were originally manufacturers of asphalt roofings, many of them now producing both lines. These manufacturers have recognized the excellence of asbestos as the foundation of the fabric used in built-up roofs and they have added to its merits the results of their years of experience in the production of roofing asphalts.

Asbestos, being a mineral, is not affected by exposure and hence does not need a protective coating of gravel or slag to keep the elements from attacking it. Therefore, we do not find gravel or slag used on asbestos built-up roofing.




This cuts down the cost of application, lessens the weight on the building, and largely eliminates stopped-up down spouts. The asbestos built-up roof is fire-retardant to a high degree. It is practically impossible for a building so protected to be set afire by flames or burning brands coming in contact with the roof. In case of fire from within the building, the roof being practically a non-combustible blanket, retards the spread of the fire instead of feeding it.

The fabric of any built-up roof is the strength of the roof. Therefore, if the fabric is affected in a detrimental way by outside influences, the roof is not only weakened, but frequently rendered useless. Asbestos is the one fabric which is least affected and therefore we find the asbestos built-up roof giving satisfaction when exposed to conditions which would speedily result in the destruction of other materals. Acid fumes, gases and similar destructive agencies are best withstood by it, and that is why asbestos



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built-up roofing is particularly valuable for railroad roundhouses, chemical plants and like structures. Finally, asbestos roofing can be applied on steep surfaces as well as flat surfaces which is not true of tar built-up roofing. Many modern buildings use the saw-tooth form of roof construction which means a succession of relatively short, steep roof surfaces, and while an asbestos built-up roof gives perfect satisfaction, a roof formed of low melting point bitumen coated with gravel or slag would not do so.

So much, then, for the construction and advantages of the asbestos built-up roof. The next thing to consider is what steps are being taken to build up the latent demand for this material and what are the production facilities. On the latter point the situation is good. Several large manufacturers with plants located at strategic points in the United States are engaged in the production of asbestos saturated felts, and roofing asphalts. These manufacturers all have their individual specifications, most of which however, are quite similar as to the number of plies, weights of felts, amount of asphalt, etc. There has been some discussion as to the advisability of adopting a standard specification, or several of them, to fit different types of construction, and have all the producers recommend this specification and manufacture materials to fit it. This would no doubt be a forward step and one which would benefit the industry a great deal. However, the present manufacturing facilities are ample to take care of the development of the business for a considerable period to come.

So far as developing the field is concerned, here again the manufacturers are working individually. It would seem that some co-operative work could be carried on to excellent advantage to acquaint the public generally, as well as the architectural and contracting fields with the many advantages of asbestos built-up roofing, and possibly some such effort will be made. The roofing field is one in which the "survival of the fittest" is the rule and just as wood shingles and metal roofings have been greatly encroached upon during the last decade by composition shingles and ready-to-lay roofings, so the opportunity is at hand for asbestos built-up roofing to take its rightful place.



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# Market Conditions

*Raw Materials.*

No worthwhile change in the mining fields can be noted. Production is going forward in a desultory way; at least one mine is shut down; and all the operators are fully aware of the futility of forcing production under present conditions.

The uninformed labor under the delusion that to obtain Asbestos from Mother Earth, it is necessary only to dig it out and put it on the cars. On the contrary every bit of Asbestos is most painstakingly separated from the useless rock and the labor required is a very large part of the cost. Then the cost of grinding, screening and bagging plus warehousing and the cost of money (interest) runs the whole cost up to considerable proportions.

Consolation is had by the operators from the fact that if the rock is left in the ground no harm comes to it and it can be taken out when there is a market for it. Of course, a certain amount of production must go on in order that mining labor will not drift away and be unavailable when demand returns.

The operators treat workers with full consideration and keep under way as actively as possible.

Shipments have been in larger volume. Prices are firm and will doubtless stay so for the reason that, with one exception, the mines have all contracted for the 1921 output.

Rhodesian chrysotile has established a place in this country second only to Canadian in the manufacture of yarns.

The supply of Rhodesian for 1921 is limited because of reduced production and the fact that all prospective output is sold.

The supply of Blue African seems plentiful but, as yet, the crocidolites have not been accepted on a parity with the chrysotiles.

*Manufactured Goods*

Markets for all classes of finished goods continue dull. The only exception to this may be in high pressure



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steam packings where trade appears fairly good.

Prices generally rule about as of the past several months, recessions of an unimportant amount being made by one or two manufacturers, doubtless due to a commendable desire to keep plants working, partially, at least.

Reliable information from Detroit is to the effect that the automobile trade is resuming activity and expects a good season. The rubber industry is picking up fast and, while many complain of slackness in the building trades, a study of the figures of the past ten years, convinces us that building is far from inactive.

Every underlying condition points to early industrial improvement and the Asbestos trades should be up and at it to get their full share.

If every man in the Asbestos Industry would go out and *dig* for business, promote new uses and *really hustle* things would be different within ten days.

We will never have good business if we are content to sit by and wait for other industries to do it.

What are you doing?

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# "Run As Fast As You Can To Stay Where You Are"

Mr. Curtis, of the Curtis Publishing Company, suggests the above as a title for an editorial at this time.

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# Bomb Wrecks Offices of Asbestos Plant

On March 9th, about ten o'clock P. M., the inhabitants of Norristown, Penna., were startled by a heavy explosion. The explosion occurred in the office building, adjoining the plant of the Norristown Magnesia & Asbestos Company, shattered windows in houses several blocks away and was distinctly felt at a distance of five miles or more.

The cause of the explosion, while not definitely known, is supposed to have been a bomb, planted on or near the desk of A. K. Burgstresser, Superintendent of the Plant. Fortunately no one was in the building, the watchman having made his rounds a short time before and finding everything in order.

The officials of the Company are puzzled to know the reason for the planting of the bomb. They have had no




labor troubles and while the plant has been partially shut



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# Bell Asbestos Mines

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down for repairs and due to lack of business, no complaints have been heard.

Other theories for the cause of the explosion aside from the bomb have been advanced but fail to hold water. It was thought possible that robbery of the safes had been contemplated and the thieves might have accidentally dropped the explosive. Since the safes are intact and no dead bodies found in the wreckage however, this theory has been given up.

Another thought was that the steam testing device in the basement of the building might have caused the explosion, but after the wreckage had been cleared away the device was found to be in perfect condition.

Whatever the cause, the office is in a fine mess as will be seen by the pictures on pages four and fifteen. Office furniture has been practically demolished, files scattered, and all soaked with water from the sprinkler system. The loss is estimated at about $15,000.

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# Editorial Comment

Packing manufacturers and salesmen would do well to study the claims being made for certain types of metallic packings.

In one case a pamphlet describing metallic packings says that the only way to prevent stuffing box friction is to have the box packed with a plentifully lubricated packing. Then, in the next few paragraphs, it is truly stated that suitable and efficient boxes have no friction.

Next the statement is made that the packing must carry its own lubricant and then—that the only way to have a packing lubricated is to pass the lubrication through the packing.

This particular metallic packing is claimed to have self lubricating qualities.

On the other hand, it is generally admitted that no packing is made or can be made which, under the action of heat, can render lubrication of itself or its contents, after having been submitted to high temperature.

The real lubrication of packing in a gland is supplied by the oil saturated steam which is fed into the cylinders.

Fibre packings will absorb, as stated by our metallic friend, steam and oil; and, after all, this is exactly what is wanted above everything else. The great advantage of fibre packing is, that it contains more open spaces in which steam and oil may be absorbed and contained, than does any other type of packing, metallic or otherwise.

Analysis of the specious arguments exployed by patented or trademarked brands of metallic packings, will result in the more intelligent selling of fibre packings by their manufacturers and handlers.

Undoubtedly there is a logical market for metallic packings but where such packings undertake to encroach upon the equally logical market for fibre packings the fibre people should take notice.

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Doubtless every reader of this publication has been observing the work being done by the American Federation of Labor Bureau at Washington.

The platform adopted by the American Federation of



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Labor, and reproduced in all the newspapers and principal magazines, is one which every American citizen should make it his business to know something about.

We have no quarrel with either labor or capital, but if any group or convention of business men had the temerity to undertake the putting thru of a bill of rights such as has been prepared by the American Federation of Labor, public opinion would annihilate the proposal.

The good judgment and common horse sense of the American people will never permit any class, be it labor, agriculture, business, clergy, or whatnot, to dominate conditions to the disadvantage of all other classes.

It is interesting to note in this bill of rights that it is desired to exempt labor from all the anti-trust, conspiracy and other laws which the rest of the American Public must abide by.

The American Federation of Labor has just as much chance of getting by with this latest piece of propaganda as had the celluloid dog that chased the Asbestos cat thru Hades.

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Judge Wilfred Bolster, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, was asked to act as an arbitrator between Publishers and Union Printers in Boston.

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*Jacob A. Jacobs*



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# Jacob A. Jacobs

Jacob A. Jacobs is well known in Asbestos Mining circles.

His first experience in the mining industry, however, was connected with the Kerr Lake Silver Property, which he purchased in 1905. He tells us that he purchased this claim after personally inspecting it, that being the first mining claim he had ever visited.

The price of the Kerr Lake property was $30,000, $5000 of which was paid in 30 days, the balance of $25,000 being due in 90 days. The productiveness of this mine is shown by the fact that the $25,000 was paid at the end of ninety days from the earnings of the mine. In 1906 Mr. Jacobs sold this property for $3,000,000 and in 1908 purchased the Jacobs Mine (Asbestos).

Mr. Jacobs was the original President and General Manager of the Jacobs Asbestos Mining Company of Thetford, but sold his interest in this Company in 1919 to Sir Mortimer Davis, the operating company being known as Consolidated Asbestos Limited.

In 1920 Mr. Jacobs purchased the Boston Mine at East Broughton, operating it under the name Asbestos Mines Limited. An aerial tramway, described in previous issues of ASBESTOS is now being completed at this mine.

While the Boston Mine gives promise of large production, it contains no Crude. It was therefore natural for Mr. Jacobs to look around for a property containing Crude and the Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company appealed to him as offering large possibilities for development.

The recent struggle for control of the Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company has excited quite a bit of interest in Asbestos Mining and Manufacturing circles.

Originally, it was Mr. Jacobs' intention to purchase the Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company, acquiring control by the purchase of sufficient stock in the open market. He soon found however, that the Asbestos Corporation of Canada had the same end in view. Naturally, the competition of the two for the stock increased the price and both buyers finally decided, very sensibly, to get together and endeavor to make some basis of settlement.

Consequently a contract was drawn up between Mr.



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Jacobs and the Asbestos Corporation, in which each named the price at which they would sell. Finally, Mr. Jacobs purchased sufficient stock from the Asbestos Corporation to give him control, Messrs. Anado, Newman and Schinasi, of New York City, being associated with him in the transaction.

It is Mr. Jacobs' intention to confine himself to the mining operations, and the New York interests will take care of the distribution end.

Naturally, there is the thought of the amalgamation of Asbestos Mines, Limited with the Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company. Plans for the development of these two mines, with the assistance of the engineers who have been employed, promise active development along constructive lines; in fact the program is a very ambitious one.

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# Stick-To-Itiveness Exercised by Big Men

*"We Shall Reap If We Faint Not"*

Reprinted from "Forbes."

Diamonds are chunks of coal that stuck to their job.

If it has taken millions of years to develop mankind, must we fret if it takes us a few years to rise above the rank and file of mankind?

Must we quit if we don't get there quickly?

Note this: There is not one major figure in American financial, industrial or commercial life today under forty. Not one.

And what of the past?

The original J. P. Morgan, though born rich and reared as an international banker, was sixty before he did his greatest work and nearer seventy before Wall Street, in its hour of trouble, acknowledged him as its undisputed leader.

Harriman at fifty was an obscure broker with a penchant for railroading.

Hill's hair was gray before he became Empire Builder of the Northwest.

At fifty Woodrow Wilson was a little-known college professor.

Washington was no youngster when he won the immortal title of "Father of His Country."

Lincoln midway through life was in the coal, not the diamond class, and was fifty-two before he loomed up as Presidential calibre. He was fifty-four when he made his imperishable address at Gettysburg.

But all were stickers. They conceived their goal and pressed on courageously, unflinchingly, unswervingly, hurdling more obstacles than you or I are ever likely to meet.

Most people show more persistency in their first twelve months than they show later in twelve years; did they not, they never would have learned to walk.

Robert the Bruce six times failed to free Scotland, but a struggling spider on the wall which climbed up successfully after six falls revived his courage, and at the seventh attempt Bruce won a crown and undying glory.



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Charles M. Schwab was president of the world's first billion-dollar corporation before he was thirty-five, lost his steel throne, dropped from the limelight for a decade, but during this time he redoubled his efforts and he has done his greatest work since he crossed the half-century mark. He did not quit. He stuck.

The three bankers who were the most influential in America, James Stillman, Jacob H. Schiff and George F. Baker, averaged seventy years of age, when the first two died; while the three leaders of the "younger school," Henry P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderlip and Otto H. Kahn, have all lived half-a-hundred years or more.

There is not a leading railroad president in the whole land not old enough to be a grandfather.

Ninety per cent. of America's business leaders began at the bottom—of the fifty men voted the greatest business stalwarts in the country not half a score were born to luxury.

At least forty of them sweated blood before they gained a foothold on the ladder, sweated and toiled with brain and often with body from early morning to late at night, many times all night, tasting defeat but never despair.

Employers today shun shifters.

There is no market for rolling-stones.

Life is so specialized that jack-of-all trades are wanted by none.

To last, a man must stick to his last—he cannot hope to be a good shoemaker today and a capable plumber tomorrow.

The pace today calls for men of red blood, not of white livers, men of grit, not grouch.

Stickers, not sticklers, are wanted.

"Tenacity is the only key that will open the door of success," recently declared Daniel Guggenheim, head of the greatest mining and smelting family America has ever known.

Even a postage stamp knows enough to stick till it gets there.

It is stick-to-itiveness that has made both nations and individuals great.



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**One Ton of 85% Magnesia**
Save
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But it also prevents
the condensation of
EIGHT TONS OF STEAM PER DAY

And thereby increases
by that amount
THE EFFECTIVE BOILER CAPACITY

**The Franklin Mfg. Company**
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Decay and decline come only when nations or individuals relax, when they become slack, slothful and shiftless.

"The moment a man feels he can rest on his laurels, that moment he begins to slide back; he must stick at it and at it," says Thomas E. Wilson, the former penniless stockyard clerk who recently became a national figure through displacing by his own firm name that of Sulzberger & Sons Company after a career the very embodiment of stick-to-itiveness.

Is it not the literal truth that America, as we know it, owed its discovery by Christopher Columbus to this very virtue of stick-to-itiveness?

Without stick-to-itiveness no man is likely to climb to the top of the ladder—and stick.

## How Much Should Advertisers Spend?

*As Answered by the Alexander Hamilton Institute*

| | Per Cent of Gross Sales | | Per Cent of Gross Sales |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arrow Collars | 3½ | Northern Pacific R. R. | 1.9 |
| Baker-Vawter System | 3½ | Old Dutch Cleanser | 10 |
| Berry Brothers' Varnish | 4 | Packard Automobile | 1.1 |
| Cadillac Automobile | 1 | Phonographs | 5 |
| Champion Spark-Plugs | 7 | Reo Motor-Cars | 1 |
| Cloth-craft Clothes | 1½ | Ruud Heaters | 2½ to 3½ |
| Colgate's Preparation | 2 | Santa Fe Railroad | 2½ |
| DePree Chemical Co. | 6 | Saxon Automobile | 2.6 |
| Evinrude Motors | 8 | Sears, Roebuck & Co. | 10 |
| Fatima Cigarettes | 5 | Sherwin-Williams Paint | 3½ |
| Globe-Wernicke Cabinets | 3 | Stromberg Carburetors | 3½ |
| Great Northern Railroad | 1.83 | Studebaker Automobiles | 2 |
| Hudson Automobile | 1.3 | Union Pacific Railroad | 2½ |
| Ivory Soap | 3 | Universal Portland Cement | 2 |
| Kewanee Boilers | 2½ | Velvet Tobacco | 6 |
| Kodaks | 3 | Welch's Grape Juice | 10 |
| McCray Refrigerators | 7½ | Wooltex Clothes | 2 |
| Markham Air-Rifles | 5 | | |

*Reprinted.*

The above figures are several years old. If such a table were compiled today, the figures would be much higher, for manufacturers are at present spending more for advertising than ever before, knowing that it will pay them big returns, and help bring their business back to normal.



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WOOLWORTH BUILDING
NEW YORK.

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# Contractors and Distributors Page

No greater problem confronts the building trades contractor than that of labor. Unyielding and obstinate, labor refuses to accept wage reductions whether business will stand for the payroll or not. This attitude of labor will undoubtedly do much to prolong the period of readjustment. Ultimately, however, when Employers must pay labor with money not earned by their own production, wages will have a drastic revision. Indications point to labor as exacting the last pound of flesh before yielding.

Conspicuous in this point among the building trades in our large cities is the Union of pipe coverers. They profess to be skilled mechanics tho their work, in the main, is unskilled. A three year apprenticeship is supposed to be necessary for a mechanic's rating, but shifting from city to city and shop to shop under union regulations breeds so-called mechanics often much earlier than the allotted period. At any rate they take down skilled mechanic's pay and are most concerned with limiting production to the duration of the job. An overall National Organization of Employers would do a great deal toward rectifying the Union's pet method of constantly exchanging men as between the different cities, often under the same Employer.

The pipe covering union in Boston has been on strike since January 20th, refusing the Employer's ninety cent offer. The dispute is being arbitrated and the Employers are NOW standing on the EIGHTY cent level.

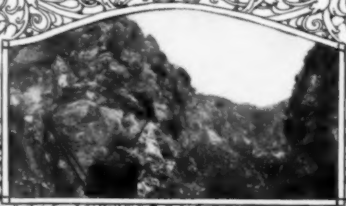
Wage rates and dates of expiration of pipe covering agreements follow:

| City | Mechanics | Helpers | Expirations | Overtime |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | $1.12½ | [1]70–80–90 | May 1st, 1921 | Time & half-time |
| St. Louis . | 1.00 | 60–60–65 | Dec. 31st, 1921 | Time & half-time |
| Buffalo ... | 1.00 | 50–62½–70 | Apr. 30th, 1921 | Double time |
| Pittsburgh | 1.00 | [2]5.00–5.75–6.50 | May 31st, 1921 | [3]Time & half-time |
| Boston ... | .90 | 60–60–60 | Strike— no agreement | Time & half-time |
| New York | 1.12½ | 87½–87½–87½ | Dec. 31st, 1921 | Double time |
| Phila'd'a. | 1.00 | 60–60–60 | May 31st, 1921 | Double time |
| [4]Cincinnati | .95 | ..... | On notice | None |

[1]First, second and third year helpers respectively.
[2]Per day.
[3]Double time after twelve P. M.
[4]New agreement December 1st, 1920.



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Mines: Black Lake, Que.

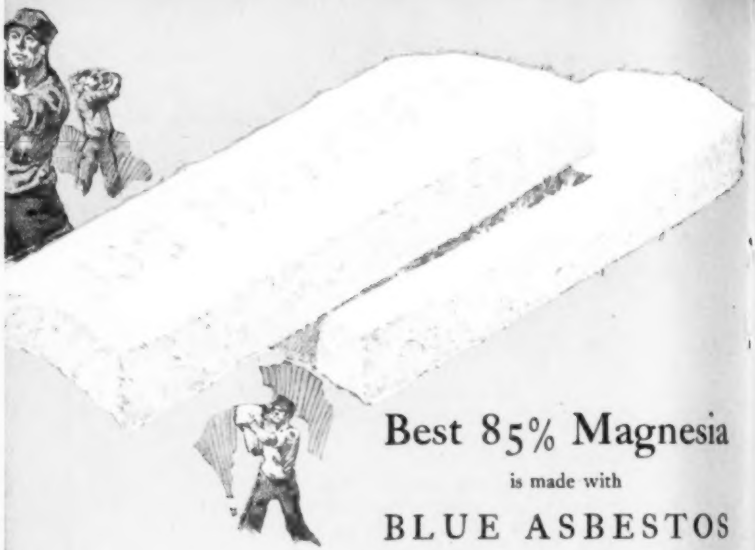
Miners of
Crudes and Spinning Fibres
Specializing in Shingle Stocks

Controlling
Union Asbestos Mines
Southwark Mines
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Coleraine Chrome Mines





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# Best 85% Magnesia

is made with

# BLUE ASBESTOS

*The Magnesia Association of America, on page 10 of their latest booklet, "Defend Your Steam," say—*

1. The following table showed the *heat loss* from a pipe lagged with various materials each 1½" thick, with steam at 400 degrees F., and an outside temperature of 68 degrees F.:

2. MATERIAL

| | B. T. U's per sq. ft. per hr. |
|---|---|
| MAGNESIA | 118 |
| BLUE ASBESTOS | 121 |
| MICA (best only) | 123 |
| WHITE ASBESTOS | 126 |
| PLASTICS, ETC. (best) | 133 |
| PLASTIC, ETC. (inferior) | 143 |




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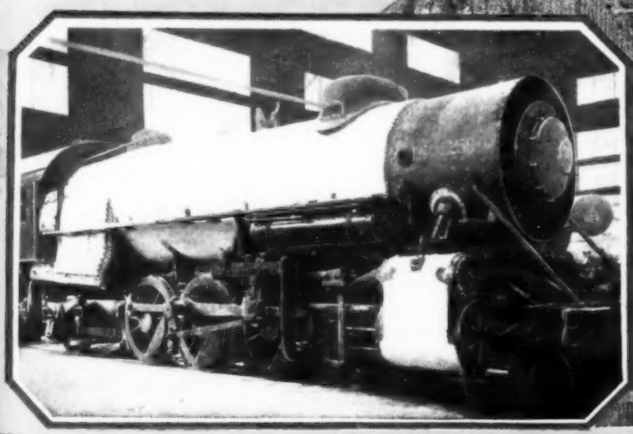
Therefore, Blue Asbestos is more efficient for insulation than White Asbestos. It also gives increased strength to the finished product and costs no more than White Asbestos.

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# Ehret's Plant Faces Isolation

Recently a bill was introduced into the Pennsylvania State Legislature, appropriating $500,000 for the purchase of properties within the boundaries of the original encampment of the Revolutionary Army under Washington, at Valley Forge

The State has in the past several years greatly improved the land surrounding Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, making it into a Park with winding drives, observatory, monuments, etc. The additional appropriation is for the purchase of additional land.

It is most praiseworthy of Pennsylvania to endeavor to preserve and beautify the scene of the great crisis in our history, but consideration should be given to the effect which the purchase of this additional land will have on a nearby industrial plant, that of the Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Company at Port Kennedy.

If the purchase included the plant, the Ehret Company would not object to enlargement of the Park, but the present idea seems to be the purchase of houses occupied by the employees of the Ehret Company, which would result in a scarcity of labor for the Company, make it necessary for the employees to live at a considerable distance from the plant, and, in fact, reduce the value of the plant.

Rev. Herbert W. Burk, rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, and a lifelong worker for the park, has characterized as "outrageous" the destruction of about twenty-five houses in Port Kennedy which would be made necessary by the contemplated purchase. He does not mind stating his opinion that "the ultimate object of the State Commission is to stifle the Ehret Company's business by isolating them from their employees, until the State can buy the plant for a song," and adds that other land near the original site of the encampment could be purchased at a very much lower price, has quite as much sentimental value and would in no way disturb the industrial development of Port Kennedy.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has frankly stated that he is not in sympathy with the destruction of the workmen's houses and does not feel justified in approving the appropriation.



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# Canadian Asbestos Production for 1920

The shipments of asbestos from the mines and mills of the Province of Quebec during the year 1920 amounted to 177,605 tons valued at $14,674,572. This is the highest production ever recorded, both in quantity and value, being an increase of 30% in tonnage, and 34% in value, as compared with the previous year when the production amounted to 135,862 tons, valued at $10,932,289. See detailed figures below.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC FOR 1920.

| | SHIPMENTS AND SALES | | AVERAGE VALUE | STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31ST 1920 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DESIGNATION OF GRADE | TONS | VALUE | PER TON | TONS | VALUE |
| Crude No. 1 ..... | 1,026 | $1,513,457 | $1,475.10 | 446 | $ 659,259 |
| Crude No. 2 ..... | 2,830 | 2,295,927 | 811.28 | 854 | 829,438 |
| Spinning Fibre .... | 13,983 | 3,915,562 | 280.02 | 1,929 | 653,115 |
| Shingle Fibre ..... | 16,784 | 1,852,210 | 110.36 | 1,306 | 172,476 |
| Paper Stocks and others .. | 142,982 | 5,097,416 | 35.65 | 18,826 | 118,060 |
| | 177,605 | 14,674,572 | 82.62 | 23,361 | 2,432,348 |
| Asbestic ..... | 19,716 | 43,559 | 2.20 | 125 | 274 |
| Totals ..... | 197,321 | $14,718,131 | ..... | 23,336 | $2,432,622 |

Quantity of rock mined during the year, 3,099,122 tons.

Reprinted from Preliminary Statement of Bureau of Mines. P. Q., Canada.

**Paul Hammerich**

Inspector of Asbestos, Crude and Fibre. Reports on Asbestos Mines and Mills.

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# Taxes Or Tariff-Which?

Last November the people of the United States, by an overwhelming vote, returned to power the Republican Party—the party of protection.

Recent inquiry as to what is planned to be done toward giving the United States adequate protection against importation of foreign made, low priced goods elicits very little useful information.

Much time is being used by legislators in wondering whether to take up first at the next session of Congress, which convenes on April 11th, the question of taxes or the question of tariff.

In the meantime, tremendous quantities of raw material and manufactured goods from foreign sources are being brought into this country under the present low tariff laws, and high exchange rates, these goods to be held until American Industry revives somewhat, when they will be sold in competition with American products.

We are not referring particularly to Asbestos-Magnesia products, because activity in those lines depends entirely upon the major industries—agriculture, steel and building trades. It is, nevertheless, the plain duty of everybody connected with this Industry to give serious thought to the effect on the Asbestos-Magnesia Industry which will follow if the major industries of the country are forced to compete with these extra low-priced foreign products.

Every reader of this publication whose livelihood is wholly or partially dependent upon the Asbestos-Magnesia Industry, should, in justice to himself and to his country, write his Congressmen and United States Senators urging the importance of Congress giving first and immediate attention to the matter of tariff protection.

It is obvious that unless American Industry can be revived to the point where profits can be made, there will be nothing for the Government to tax, except capital, and —what *would* follow if we were obliged to tax capital.

Hence it would appear that as between taxes and tariff, there is no sense in the world of considering taxes until adequate tariffs have been imposed.



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*Highest Grade*

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# Asbestos In Australia

Asbestos has been known to exist in Australia since the days of early exploration, but at that time the demand was for long fibre only and such fibre was found in regions difficult to work, as for example in the hot Pilbarra district of West Australia. Of late years, however, new uses have developed for the shorter fibres and with the increased demand for such grades there is a growing tendency to develop the domestic deposits rather than import material necessary for home consumption.

In the November 1920 number of ASBESTOS a description was given of the asbestos deposits of Tasmania. A brief review of the occurrences and operations in other parts of the Commonwealth follows:

*Queensland*:

Asbestos has been noted in many localities in Queensland, mainly within the serpentine belt northeast and north of Rockhampton extending from Balnagowan near the Fitzroy River to Marlborough. The deposits at Princhester and Marlborough appear to be the most important tho little is yet known either of their quality or extent. A small amount of asbestos has been mined, and it is reported that it sold for $25 per ton. On Marlborough Creek near its junction with the Fitzroy River, well-defined veins having a maximum fibre length of 1½ inches are reported. For slates and sheeting Queensland asbestos is reported to be inferior as it lacks strength. It is however well adapted for asbestos magnesite flooring, boiler covering and as an ingredient in ground form in refrigerating paint.

*South Australia*:

Asbestos has been found in many localities in South Australia but few of them give promise of successful development. The most promising discoveries include that of crocidolite or blue asbestos occurring in limestone at Robertstown, and chrysotile of good quality in Minbrie near Cowell. The latter deposit is said to contain about ½ of 1 per cent crude, and about 15 or 20% of milling fibre. This is a content of fibre much higher than the average of deposits now worked.



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*Western Australia*:

Two exposures of short fibre asbestos of good quality have been reported at Soanesville in the Pilbarra District. The asbestos occurs in cross-fibre veins in serpentine. In the early days of exploration long fibre of high quality was reported near Marble Bar in the same district.

*New South Wales*:

Asbestos has been worked at Gundagai, but the quality of the product does not seem to have justified development. The Durabestos Company of Sydney operated for some time in the Beaconsfield District of Tasmania, but found the deposits so pockety and uncertain, and so lacking in continuity that they were forced to suspend operations, and seek new deposits. The most promising deposits were found at Woodsreef about 10 miles east of Barraba in the New England District of New South Wales. Quarries had been opened by Messrs Wanderlich and Messrs. James Hardie & Co., of Sydney, and active operations were conducted during 1919 and 1920. The former company had an interest in the Durabestos Company and finally took full control of the company. The deposits at Woodsreef are similar to those of Tasmania, being irregular and of uncertain extent, but the fibre veins are more closely spaced and the deposit larger than in the Beaconsfield area. The asbestos occurs in fairly closely spaced veins having a maximum thickness of about one inch. It is claimed that one difficulty with the New South Wales asbestos deposits is the presence of numerous faults, a fault being a geological term for the slipping of one mass of rock with respect to another along a fracture plane. Thus in following a good ore deposit the miner may suddenly come upon a wall of barren rock, and it is difficult to find the continuation of the ore body. To insure operation for a considerable period over a dozen quarries have been opened and connected by tram with the mill. As the fuel problem is difficult a Diesel engine is employed to operate the mill.

As in Canada the mill is equipped with crusher, rolls, disintegrators, screens and suction jars. Beaters as are used in Canada are found to be too severe with the Australian fibre causing an excessive loss of fines, and a machine lately built at Sydney has been installed with the expectation



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that a greater fibre recovery will result. South African crocidolite is mixed with the Barraba fibre in the manufacture of sheets. It seems probable that operations will continue for some years at least, and may develop into a permanent industry which will supply Australia with a large share of necessary short fibre.

# Asbestos Deposits On Indian Reservations May Now Be Developed

*(Information supplied by courtesy of the Arizona Mining Journal)*

Frequent mention has been made in ASBESTOS concerning deposits of Asbestos on Indian Reservations. Many of these deposits were valuable but up until recently the legal right to work them could not be obtained.

For years the director of the Arizona Bureau of Mines has been endeavoring to secure the passage of laws that would make it possible to develop the coal and mineral deposits existing on Indian Reservations. Almost two years ago legislation was secured that made it possible to lease deposits of metallic minerals on these reservations, but it was still impossible to mine coal or non-metallic minerals, such as potassium, asbestos, precious stones, etc.

About a year ago bills were introduced into Congress reorganizing the Indian Service, and providing for the development of asbestos and other mines on Indian Reservations. The bills were passed at the last session of Congress, are now laws, and will doubtless lead to much mining activity on Indian Reserves. We hope to print in the May issue the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior relative to prospecting in the Indian Reservations.

"Ducky Oil Cans" are made of 22-gage cold-rolled steel with a brass cap, and a three-ply close-twisted steel cable, asbestos packed, flexible tube spout, and are so constructed that liquids as light as gasoline can be used without leaking thru the tubing. This can is used to oil any place that is hard to get at or which an ordinary rigid spout will not reach.



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**Benjamin Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned."**

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# Conditions In Various Markets

*Wire*

The Standard Underground Cable Company, in commenting on the copper situation as affecting fine brass and copper wire, says:

In anticipation of more drastic curtailment of mine operations, copper prices have advanced fractionally in the last ten days, the total gain thus far (to April 1st) being approximately three quarter cent per pound.

Definite announcements of practically complete shutdown were made on March 29th by Utah, Ray, Chino, Nevada and Anaconda Copper Companies and partial shutdown by other producers, because of the low price and large stock of unsold copper in this country. It seems likely, therefore, that prices will have some further advance rather than decline in the immediate future.

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*Bands.*

The Ritter Can & Specialty Company have consented to give us each month information as to conditions in the pipe covering band market. Under date of March 10th, they say:

In view of present market conditions in our industry, we would not advise the purchase of any great quantity of Pipe Covering Bands, since there is a possibility of a decline in the market price of tin plate and other sheet metals within the next thirty to sixty days. Buyers who are able to make purchases of quantities on a differential basis, however, are more or less protected.

Later, on April 1st, we receive the following report:

The market price of $7.00 per base box for tin plate still prevails. Just at present, the sentiment among the steel men is toward strengthening the market. Our opinion is that volume purchases should be made on a differential basis, as indications point to a decline in the market price the second half.



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*PAPER STOCKS*

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# Asbestos Production in Canada.

FROM 1909 TO 1919 INCLUSIVE

Many of our readers may have seen the figures given in the following tabulation, but we publish them so that *all* our readers may have them, and that by publication in ASBESTOS you will have them for ready reference at any time.

| YEAR. | Crude No. 1, Tons. | Crude No. 2, Tons. | Mill Stock No. 1, Tons. | Mill Stock No. 2, Tons. | Mill Stock No. 3, Tons. | Total Production Fibre Tons. | Total of Value $ | Ave. Value per ton, $ | Total Rock Milled, Tons. | Rock Mined and Hoisted, Tons. | % Fibre, per ton Rock, Milled. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1909 .... | 1,087 | 1,471 | 5,757 | 19,029 | 36,620 | 63,965 | 2,296,584 | 35.90 | 977,452 | 1,163,634 | 6.54 |
| 1910 .... | 1,817 | 1,612 | 10,313 | 44,793 | 22,071 | 80,605 | 2,667,829 | 33.10 | 1,709,992 | 2,035,705 | 5.03 |
| 1911 .... | 1,400 | 3,382 | 6,340 | 35,991 | 55,111 | 102,224 | 3,026,306 | 29.60 | 1,477,613 | 1,759,064 | 6.91 |
| 1912 .... | 1,941 | 3,766 | 3,682 | 32,689 | 69,097 | 111,175 | 3,059,084 | 27.52 | 1,571,310 | 1,870,608 | 7.08 |
| 1913 .... | 2,140 | 2,870 | 14,056 | 29,525 | 88,018 | 136,609 | 3,830,504 | 28.04 | 2,123,024 | 2,527,410 | 6.43 |
| 1914 .... | 1,336 | 2,812 | 10,485 | 32,847 | 59,921 | 107,401 | 2,895,935 | 26.96 | 1,808,285 | 2,127,395 | 5.94 |
| 1915 .... | 2,734 | 2,631 | 12,502 | 36,945 | 58,303 | 113,115 | 3,544,362 | 31.33 | 1,813,961 | 2,134,073 | 6.23 |
| 1916 .... | 3,073 | 2,885 | 11,768 | 43,870 | 71,743 | 133,339 | 5,182,905 | 38.87 | 1,947,424 | 2,291,087 | 6.84 |
| 1917 .... | 1,761 | 3,603 | 13,197 | 54,072 | 64,609 | 137,242 | 7,198,558 | 52.45 | 2,239,249 | 2,634,410 | 6.12 |
| 1918 .... | 1,808 | 1,896 | 13,559 | 32,412 | 92,700 | 142,375 | 9,019,899 | 63.35 | 2,078,883 | 2,445,745 | 6.85 |
| 1919 .... | 1,103 | 2,991 | 13,764 | 69,868 | 48,136 | 135,862 | 10,982,289 | 80.47 | 2,502,436 | 3,061,690 | 6.22 |

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# More Facts About Russia and Her Asbestos Production

The Russian Economic Bulletin, the official organ of the American Russian Chamber of Commerce, gives us a few very interesting facts concerning the Russian Asbestos Industry.

Asbestos was discovered in Russia in 1720, and a factory for the making of asbestos products was in operation in the Urals in the days of Peter the Great. Want of a market for its output, however, kept this venture from being a success. With the beginning of Canada's asbestos industry, the industry revived in Russia, about 1800. Practically the entire Russian asbestos output was exported to Germany.

Comparison of Russia's output with that of other asbestos producing countries over a period of 17 years is very interesting. It follows:

| | Output in Metric tons from 1902 to 1919 |
|---|---|
| Canada | 1,425,568 |
| Russia | 170,856 |
| Rhodesia | 39,667 |
| United States | 34,626 |
| Cape of Good Hope | 25,182 |
| The Transvaal | 3,378 |
| Cyprus | 2,542 |
| Italy | 1,456 |
| Natal | 84 |
| Australia | 40 |

this table showing that in normal times Russia ranked second.

With the beginning of the war Russia's production decreased rapidly, her place as second in annual production being taken by Africa, and at present, under the Bolshevik regime her industry is at a standstill.

Competent observers are of the opinion that the treaty negotiated between England and the Lenines Russian Government indicates that Russia will be back in the Asbestos market intelligently within a year or two.

Mr. Fedor F. Foss of the Russian Embassy, Wash-



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ington, has, at our request given us a few very interesting thoughts on the subject. He says:

"Production of Asbestos in Russia was on the increase until 1913, when the export to foreign countries (mostly Germany and England) was available. In 1914 the export practically stopped and the mining decreased, as asbestos was not a first class essential for the war.

"In 1915 and 1916 the mines were running to half capacity and in 1917 came to a standstill when the revolution broke out. As far as I can see from the publications issued in Soviet Russia, about the economic and industrial life, there are no signs of the revival of the Industry.

"To make it easier to understand such an outcome with this second class, so to speak, industry, I quote the figures of production:

"For coal in 1920—about four million tons instead of forty-four million tons in 1913.

"For pig iron 70,000 tons instead of 4,200,000 tons in 1913.

"For copper, none, instead of forty thousand tons in 1913.

"New locomotives, none, instead of 1800 in 1912.

"Salt, twenty-six thousand tons in 1920 instead of two million tons in 1914.

"These figures will show you that in the 'socialistic paradise' there is no time to think about such *unessentials* as asbestos."

## Diatomaceous Earth

Much is heard from time to time of the use of Diatomaceous Earth for heat insulation purposes.

The United States Bureau of Mines describes Diatomaceous Earth in the following manner: It is a soft, white, porous rock, composed of the siliceous skeletons of small aquatic plants called diatoms. There are a very large number of types and varieties of diatoms, over 4,000 distinct forms having been noted and described. These may vary in size from as much as the head of a pin to such minute proportions as to be distinguished only with the aid of the highest powered microscope.

The chemical analysis of diatomaceous earth from the



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Lompoc, California, district, is given as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Silica ($SiO_2$) | 88.78 |
| Alumina ($Al_2O_3$) | 2.68 |
| Iron Oxide ($Fe_2O_3$) | trace |
| Lime (CaO) | 1.61 |
| Potash ($K_2O$) | – – |
| Soda ($Na_2O$) | – – |
| Magnesia (MgO) | 1.30 |
| Titanium oxide ($TiO_2$) | 0.10 |
| Water ($H_2$) | 5.54 |
| | 100.01 |

# Imports and Exports of Asbestos

Imports of Crude Asbestos for January, 1921 were as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| England | 121 tons | $20,159 |
| Br. South Africa | 152 tons | 22,854 |
| Port. South Africa | 134 tons | 72,162 |
| | 407 tons | $115,175 |

excluding, of course, those from Canada.

Imports of manufactured goods amounted to $23,347, divided among the following countries:

| | |
|---|---|
| Belgium | $1,029 |
| Germany | 2,897 |
| Switzerland | 1,155 |
| England | 14,455 |
| Scotland | 3,811 |

It is interesting to note that the imports of manufactured goods in January, 1920 amounted to $39,775, of which $39,397 came from England and $378 from Scotland.

Exports of Manufactured Goods for January 1921 totalled $367,247, as against $97,852, last year. An item of interest in this year's January exports is $11,000 to Germany. England took $18,372, Belgium $262, Sweden $10,112. Comparison of these figures with imports as given above shows some interesting contrasts.



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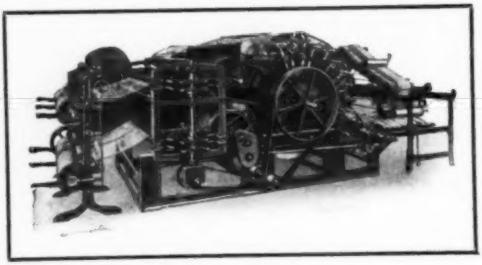
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# News of General Interest

The annual meeting of the Western Society of Engineers will be held in Chicago in June.

The Proprietary Association, composed of more than 200 manufacturers of proprietary medicines, are planning to drive from the market the manufacturers of medicines of such high alcoholic percentage that they are used as beverages.

Paul M. Tyler of the U. S. Tariff Commission, sailed on March 10th for England, where he expects to spend about two months, thence going to France, Belgium and Germany. The main object of Mr. Tyler's mission is in connection with various metal manufactures, but it is probable that he will devote some little time to investigation of the asbestos industry.

Automobiles registered in the United States in 1920, according to the American Automobile Association, totalled 9,180,316, an increase of 2,114,870 over 1919. Passenger cars numbered 8,234,490 and motor trucks 945,826.

Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court, under date of February 28th, ordered a reargument of the bill of the American Hardwood Lumber Association from the lower court decree, which granted an injunction restraining certain activities in which the Association engaged.

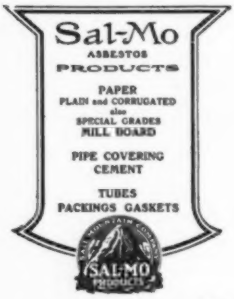
The American Bureau of Shipping states at the present time 445 ships having 1,742,590 gross tons, are under construction divided as follows: 380 ships, 1,253,184 tons, on private account, and 65 ships, 507,415 tons, on Government account. It is also encouraging to note that several of the leading steamship companies such as the Munson Steamship Lines, The International Mercantile Marine Company and the Pacific Steamship Company have plans already drawn for new passenger ships and it is expected that with the reorganization of the Shipping Board, March 4, and the consequent formation of a sane and farsighted policy, contracts for these ships as well as for others now contemplated, will be placed.

Merchandising consists in selling people more than they think they want for more than they expect to pay.

To Mr. Edison, who is trying to make an instrument so delicate and responsive that it may be manipulated by the spirits of the departed, Fred Hirschfeld makes the helpful suggestion that it consist largely of asbestos.



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# News of the Industry

R. P. Doucet, General Sales Manager of the Asbestos Corporation of Canada, Limited, who recently suffered an attack of pleurisy, has recovered and has sailed for Europe.

"ASBESTOS" recently had the pleasure of welcoming to its office, George C. Williamson of the National Magnesia Mfg. Company, San Francisco.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Sir John W. Carson, is slowly but surely improving.

The Sterling Asbestos Company, 406 Main St., Camden, N. J., is starting in the manufacture of a combination copper and asbestos gasket. C. Hettinger is manager of this Company.

The Gillett Asbestos Company has been incorporated with $50,000 capital, offices at 2735 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, and will specialize in insulating materials. Harry Gillett is President of the Company.

S. A. Halpern, formerly with the Binger Company, in charge of sales promotion, window trim department, is now with the National Asbestos Mfg. Company, Jersey City, having charge of sales promotion in the pipe covering division.

Major N. E. Newman, President of Asbestos Limited, sailed on April 7th for a three month's trip to Europe.

John O. Bigelow of Newark, has been appointed receiver for the Asbestos Air Brake Company by Vice-Chancellor Buchanan of New Jersey.

The American Insulation Company of Philadelphia, had a very attractive exhibit at the American Marine Exposition held in Philadelphia from March 14th to 19th. An attractive pamphlet under the title "The American Way—Supreme in Service" was given to inquirers, and would no doubt prove of interest to many of our readers.

H. H. Robertson, President of the H. H. Robertson Company of Pittsburg, sailed on March 22nd, for England. Mr. Robertson expects to spend about six weeks in England and France.

The Asbestos Corporation of Canada has declared the usual quarterly dividends of 1½% on the common and 1¾% on the preferred stocks, both payable April 15 to holders of record April 1st.

Jacob A. Jacobs, President of Asbestos Mines Limited, has



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recovered from an attack of pneumonia and spent the Easter holidays in Atlantic City, N. J.

Glenn R. Lassiter of the Conneross Yarn Mill, Anderson, S. C., recently visited the offices of "ASBESTOS", but unfortunately, both the Editor and his Associates were out of the office at the time. We hope Mr. Lassiter will try again with better luck.

"ASBESTOS" was honored a few days ago by a visit from A. S. Farmer, President of the Conneross Yarn Mill at Anderson, S. C.

The Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company is now controlled by Jacob A. Jacobs, his associates in the enterprise being Leon Schinasi, Maurice Amado and N. E. Newman, all of New York City. Further details concerning this arrangement will be found on page 23.

Regular six per cent dividend, interest on Second Mortgage income bonds of the Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Company, due for the six months ending December 31st, is reported ready for payment.

A Canadian newspaper recently carried the following item: An important commercial case has been decided in the Superior Court by Mr. Justice Pouliot. C. H. Chouillou ordered asbestos from Johnson & Co. on an agreement that there should be prompt delivery. The asbestos was to have been shipped to France. Johnson & Co. found that there would be delay so considered their contract annulled. The court ruled that the company had taken too much responsibility on themselves. Judgment was given plaintiff with $22,280 damages.

The Asbestos Installation Corporation, 24 Albany St., New York City, which Corporation was formed last November by the firm of Fowler & Martin of Brooklyn, reports a steady increase in business. Their operations at present are confined principally to shipyard work in the New York Harbor, but will probably branch out to other insulation work before long. Theo. V. Martin is superintendent of the concern.

The Sall Mountain Company of Chicago, will have an exhibit in the Home Beautiful Exposition, Mechanics Building, Boston, to be held from April 16th to 30th. The readers of "ASBESTOS" will be cordially welcomed.

Paul J. Krez & Company, leading Chicago contractors and dealers in all kinds of insulating materials, pipe and boiler coverings, asbestos shingles, asbestos lumber, asbestos paper and millboards, etc., have reorganized under the name Paul J. Krez Company, under the charter laws of Illinois, with a large capitalization. Paul J. Krez is President and Treasurer of the new company, and John J. Krez, son of Paul J., is Secretary. The



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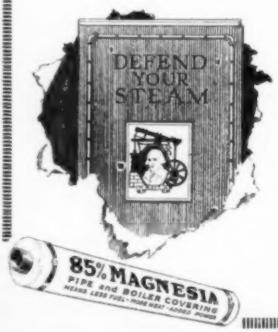
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change was made in order to secure the advantages of the corporate entity, and will doubtless result in a more widely extended business.

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U. G. Funk, Treasurer of the Keasbey & Mattison company, Ambler, Pa., has just recovered from a rather severe attack of erysipelas.

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The United Asbestos & Packing Company, Chicago, has been merged with the United States Asbestos Company, the successful textile manufacturing institution at Lancaster producing the Usaco brand of Asbestos Textiles and Packings. The Chicago Branch will be operated as a separate corporation under the title United States Asbestos Company of Illinois.

George L. Hammons, whose twenty years active experience in the marketing of Asbestos Products is well and favorably known, will be President and Treasurer of the new company. The board of Directors consists of S. R. Zimmerman, Chester L. Hill and George L. Hammons.

The personnel of the company, James G. Ross, W. L. Griffin and A. F. Morrison, and other heads of departments, sales and office assistants, will continue their respective positions.

The change is a notable one and primarily due to the fact that the Asbestos business of Chicago and the West has grown to such an extent that this amalgamation is necessary in order to better serve the trade and market the standard products of the United States Asbestos Company.

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The directors of Consolidated Asbestos Limited have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1-¼%, payable April 15th to holders of record March 31st.

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Announcement is made by the Asbestos Shingle, Slate & Sheathing Company, Ambler, Pa., to the effect that it has taken over the sale of its own products, viz: Ambler Asbestos "Century" Shingles, Asbestos Corrugated Sheathing, Asbestos Building Lumber and Linabestos Wall Board, these materials having been previously marketed thru the Keasbey & Mattison Company.

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The March issue neglected to state the name of the moving picture prepared by the pipe and boiler covering manufacturers. It is being shown under the title "A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Earned" and shows in a very attractive manner the saving which results from insulating pipes and boilers.

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The Asbestos Shingle, Slate & Sheathing Company of Ambler, Pa., had a very attractive exhibit at the Real Estate & Building Exposition held in Philadelphia from Mar 28 to Apr. 2.



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A very valuable little book has just been issued by the General Asbestos & Rubber Company of Charleston, S. C. The Garco Data Book on Brake Lining and Clutch Facing, after briefly describing Garco materials, gives explicit directions for relining brakes and two very useful tables, the first table listing alphabetically cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles, and giving brake and clutch facing specifications for models not over six years old, while the second one shows the various sizes of brake linings and disc clutch facings, and under each size lists cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles which can be fitted with that size. The immense amount of work necessary to compile such a book will undoubtedly be repaid by the material appreciation of repairers, garagemen, dealers and jobbers, who will find it invaluable.

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W. E. Steelman Company, dealers in Asbestos and Magnesia materials, have just issued a very attractive pamphlet on "Wesco" Fireproof Products.

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A. S. Farmer, President of Conneross Yarn Mill at Anderson, S. C., has returned to his business activities after a year and a half spent in Florida and California for the benefit of his health.

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The Quebec Asbestos Corporation at East Broughton has closed the No. 2 Mill, formerly the Asbestos Fibre Mining Company property, but are operating the No. 1 Mill.

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Royal Mattison, Vice President of the Asbestos Shingle, Slate & Sheathing Company, Ambler, Pa., has returned after spending some time in Florida.

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The Asbestos Insulation & Roofing Company, Philadelphia, has been incorporated with a capital of $25,000 to manufacture asbestos products. W. G. Dickinson, 4229 North Sixth St., Philadelphia, is treasurer.

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Johnson's Asbestos Company has closed the Black Lake pit entirely, and is operating the Thetford mine under capacity.

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The marriage of Miss Beatrice Minor, Drexel Hill, Pa., to Maurice J. Hoover, on April 12th, is announced. Mr. Hoover is Secretary of Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa.

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The Martin-Bennett Company is still entirely closed down, Mr. Bennett having returned from Europe and Mr. Martin from his southern trip.

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Last minute reports from Thetford indicate that the Asbestos Corporation of Canada has ceased nightwork at the King's, Beaver and British Canadian pits, while the Fraser Mine, which has been under repair since last November is closed down entirely.



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# Afterthoughts

The other day a gentleman in sending his renewal to ASBESTOS and a dollar bill in payment, mentioned that he was sending "real money for a real magazine."

We get a little rose like that every once in a while and —confidentially, once in a greater while we get an egg. We appreciate both, however, altho perhaps we do not enthuse quite as much over the latter as the former. But if people do throw eggs once in a while, we have the satisfaction of knowing that they read ASBESTOS and are interested in it, else the complaint or criticism would not come. Send them along, friends, both eggs and roses—they both help.

As we glance over the proof this month it seems to us that April's issue is brimful of information, some merely interesting, other of importance.

The article concerning Mr. Jacobs will, we know, be read with a great deal of interest. We would have liked to have had more information about Mr. Jacobs' early life, but he seems to be unusually modest for it was impossible to learn even the name of his birthplace. A great many heads of Asbestos Companies are evidently afflicted with the same disease—modesty—for we have tried times without number to secure biographical information concerning certain gentlemen who are prominent in the Industry but without success. A biographical sketch each month would be quite an improvement to the magazine; the next time we write you for such a sketch, please don't turn us down.

The short article on Russia will help us to better understand conditions in that field.

Next month we have a real treat for you. An engineer, well qualified for the task has prepared for us a most able paper on "Past and Present Methods of Mining and Milling Asbestos." Because of limited space it will be necessary to run the article in three sections, but it will be broken in such a way that each section will constitute an article in itself.

And finally, we hope you will enjoy reading the April issue as much as we have enjoyed preparing it. It is a constant source of pleasure to dig up facts and figures of interest—and every day we learn something about Asbestos or the Asbestos Industry which we never knew before.



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He *died* the year the locusts came—
The land with blight was saddened;
He fell from the roof of the old barn frame—
He'd starved to death if he hadn't.

1920.

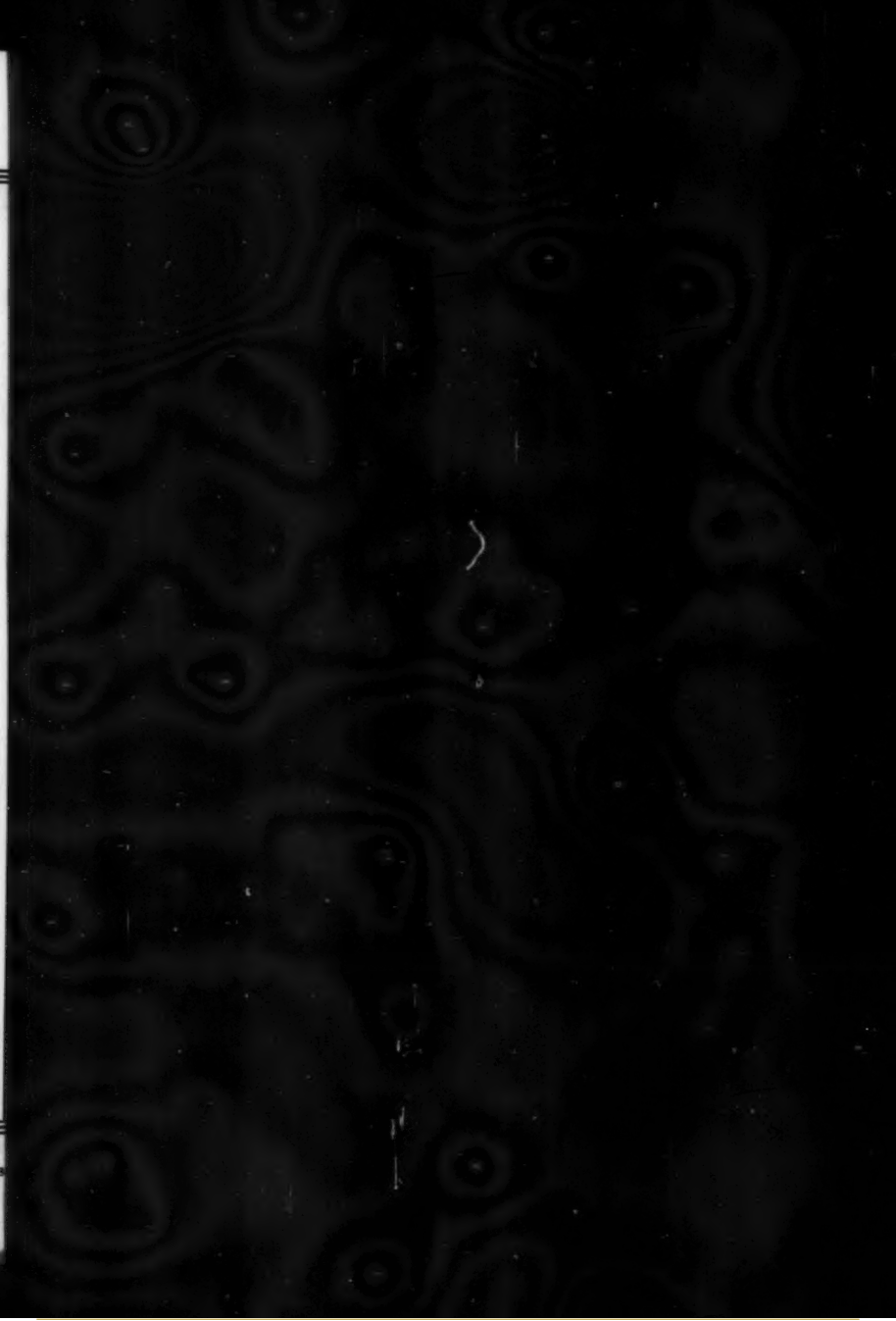
(From Everybody's Diary).

He *lived* the year of reconstruction,
Cancellations, slumps and general reduction—
Over half he had went up the flue,
But, thank the Lord—he *did* come through.

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