

## Another Steady Month of Production

*Demonstration Makes Another New Record*

February was the shortest month of the year, and, although but one or two days were lost by the operating plants, they were enough to keep production figures below the P3,000,000 mark. Demonstration led all the rest, with a total of P134,531, thus beating its own best record by P18,000. Cal Horr, in its second month of milling, jumped P16,000 to P70,657.

United Paracale nearly doubled its January figure, going to P160,000 (estimated by Marsman and Company). Some of this resulted from the milling of ore of the Northern Mining and Development Company, which has a profit-sharing contract with United Paracale.

Most of the other producers had slightly lower bullion figures. No figures are available from Tambis Gold and from Coco Grove Placer Syndicate.

March should see a substantial gain in production all around; many of the plants have been working during the dry season (in the Baguio district, at least) on plant expansion, and this

construction work has naturally held up the normal course of operations.

In spite of everything, however, the month's total is well up to average—look the figures over:

Antamok Goldfields (includes Gold Creek) . . . . .	P 276,461
Baguio Gold . . . . .	81,447
Balatoe . . . . .	1,065,876
Benguet Consolidated . . . . .	740,879
Benguet Exploration . . . . .	23,233
Cal Horr . . . . .	70,657
Demonstration . . . . .	134,531
Ipo Gold . . . . .	56,333
*Itogon . . . . .	187,500
I. X. L. . . . .	59,279
Masbate Consolidated . . . . .	85,491
Salacot . . . . .	42,763
*Suyoc Consolidated . . . . .	100,000
*United Paracale . . . . .	160,000
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Total . . . . .	P 3,084,450

\*Estimated by Marsman and Company.

## Men of the Mines

The mining industry of the Philippines lost one of its most brilliant younger members on Sunday, March 1, when James E. Hall, general superintendent of Ipo Gold Mines was killed in a fall 150 feet down the mine shaft. A. F. Duggleby, consulting engineer for Benguet Consolidated, was with Hall at the time of the accident, as was James Hopkins of the Ipo staff. The accident occurred as the trio were coming back up the inclined shaft after an inspection trip. In some manner, not yet determined, the ore skip in which they were riding was derailed. Hall was thrown from the skip, and fell down the shaft; the other two men were slightly injured but managed to cling to the cable until they could climb back into the skip.

Hall had been with Benguet Consolidated for two years. He came to the Islands with an enviable record and with the highest recommendations from the leaders of the industry in Canada. He had served as a pilot in the Canadian Air Forces during the World war. After the war he returned to Canada as geologist for an aerial prospecting company exploring new mineral areas north of the Arctic circle. Just before he left Canada to come to the Islands for Balatoe, he was mine superintendent of the Lake Shore Mines, the largest gold mine in Canada and one of the largest in the world.

He came to Balatoe as assistant chief mining engineer. His work there was so outstanding that he was soon promoted to the position of engineer in charge of the Consolidated Mines contract in Zambales. Much of the credit for the successful development of that ore body is given to him. He was promoted a short time ago, this time to become general superintendent at Ipo Gold, one of the most critical positions under the Benguet interests.

Judge John W. Haussersmann, head of Benguet, Mr. Duggleby, and all who came in contact with Hall, were high in their praise of his ability and of his promise as an engineer. All who knew him respected and liked him.

He was 34 years old, and is survived by his widow and a sister in the United States. Mrs. Hall had been with him at Balatoe, is at present on a vacation trip, and had planned to rejoin her husband in May.

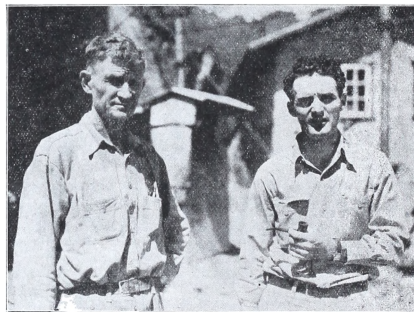
H. Foster Bain, formerly chief of the United States Bureau of Mines, and the author of *Ores and Industry in the Far East*, arrived in the Islands late in February on an extended visit here. He was at one time secretary of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and is an authority on mineral economies of the Far East and of the United States.

When interviewed in Manila, Mr. Bain remarked that he had learned through his experience with the U. S. Bureau of Mines that it was foolish for a government to attempt to control the mining industry. He expressed the hope that the division of mines become as reliable a source of information as the U. S. Bureau of Mines or even as the similar organization in China.

Bain made a visit to the Paracale district, but did not go to Baguio on this visit. (He was in the Pines City for a few days about a year ago and visited the mines of the district at that time.) He left the Islands March 11.

J. F. Mitchell-Roberts, export manager of Oliver United Filters, Inc., is spending several weeks in the Baguio area, studying filtration problems. He is on an extended business trip to the Far East, and chose to start his work in the heart of the Philippine gold mining region.

A change in the personnel of Marsman and Company was made effective late in February, when J. O. Enberg relieved J. B. Stapler as head of the northern division of the company. Stapler in turn relieved J. O. Greenan as head of the southern division, while Greenan and his family sailed for the United States on an extended vacation.



Balatoe Mine Executives

J. V. Wood, left, mill superintendent, and George Scholty, mill engineer.