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Powell,¹⁸ however, takes a more optimistic view, stating that most of the difficulties associated with the recovery of the platinum metal from the norite deposits in South Africa have been successfully overcome; that the platinum industry in South Africa is now firmly established, in spite of the closing of some mines; that there is every prospect of further expansion in the near future as improved methods of treating the ore are introduced; and that in the future Canada and South Africa are likely to dominate the market for platinum.

¹¹ Powell, A. R., *The Precious Metals During 1929-30: Met. Ind.* (London), vol. 38, Jan. 16, 1931, 70-71.

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The total value of lead and zinc pigments amounted to approximately \$69,250,000 in 1929, a decrease of 2 per cent from \$70,845,000 in 1929, a decrease of 2 per cent from \$72,440,000 in 1929. The quantity of lead pigments sold by producers amounted to approximately 19,542 short tons, a decrease of 75,918 tons or 34 per cent from 20,300 tons in 1929. Sales of dry white lead decreased 35,280 tons or 34 per cent and red lead, 10,080 tons or 17 per cent; however, the fraction of 1 per cent of the total production. The quantity of zinc pigments sold by producers amounted to approximately 300,486 short tons, a decrease of 93,589 tons or 26 per cent from 394,075 tons in 1929. Sales of zinc chloride and zinc sulphate respectively, as compared with 1929, showed a marked decline in the pigment industry. Curtailment in the manufacture of pigments brought about by the general business conditions of unemployment some paint-pigment

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enjoyed substantial increases in sales as many idle workers painted their homes while unemployed. In 1921 the sales of white lead increased 28 per cent over those in 1920. At the beginning of 1930 a similar increase was expected, but the record now shows that in this respect 1930 was an exceptional year.

Market quotations for lead pigments declined about 1 cent per pound during 1930 as a result of the steady decline in the price of pig lead. The average price of lead pigments per ton, received in 1930 by producers reporting to the Bureau of Mines, was only 10 per cent below the 1929 average, whereas the average quoted price of pig lead in 1930 was 19 per cent below that in 1929. Quotations on zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide were maintained at the levels of the three preceding years although the price of slab zinc (St. Louis) was 30 per cent lower in 1930 than in 1929. The quoted price of lithopone, which had remained unchanged for several years, dropped sharply during December, 1930, following a cut in the price of titanium pigment.

Imports of lead pigments in 1930 were negligible. Exports of lead pigments increased 21 per cent in quantity and 6 per cent in value and amounted to 5 per cent of the total quantity sold by domestic producers. The total quantity of white lead and sublimed lead exported increased 11 per cent, whereas that of the red oxides increased 43 per cent. The latter increase was due largely to increased exports to Netherland West Indies and the United Kingdom.

Imports of zinc pigments in 1930 decreased 18 per cent in quantity and 25 per cent in value and were equivalent in quantity to 3 per cent of the sales by domestic producers. Imports of lithopone decreased 17 per cent in 1930; they accounted for 85 per cent of the total quantity of zinc pigments imported. Imports of zinc sulphide, which increased rapidly from 1926 to 1929, declined 75 per cent in 1930. Exports of zinc pigments in 1930 declined 35 per cent in quantity and 34 per cent in value and amounted in quantity to less than 5 per cent of the total sales by domestic producers.

An outstanding feature of the lead and zinc pigment industry during the last few years has been the severe competition between white lead and other pigments for the paint trade. The effect of this is indicated roughly in the comparative sales of the pigments concerned. Sales of white lead in oil decreased from 153,000 tons in 1922 to 70,000 tons in 1930. During the same period the combined sales of zinc oxide and lithopone increased from 212,000 to 283,000 tons. As three-fourths of the lithopone and about one-third of the zinc oxide produced in the United States are used in the manufacture of paints, these figures indicate the marked degree to which the zinc pigments have invaded the paint industry at the expense of white lead.

The rapid expansion in the use of nitrocellulose paints in recent years has not altered materially the quantity of pigments consumed. The average nitrocellulose paint contains considerably less pigment per gallon than oil paints, but a heavy pigment priming coat and more finishing coats are used to offset the low pigment content. White lead is seldom used in these paints owing to its chemical instability in contact with nitrocellulose products. As it is desirable to have a low pigment content in nitrocellulose paints there has been an increased use of high hiding-power pigments such as high-strength lithopone and titanium pigments.

PRODUCTION

In this report the pigments and salts sold are considered from the beginning of the production, no account being taken of the stock at the beginning and end of the year. The amounts used at their own plants are included under sales.

The total value of the lead and zinc pigments sold by domestic producers was approximately \$69,253,000 in 1930, as compared with \$98,045,000 in 1929, a decrease of 29 per cent. Lead pigments sold in 1930 decreased 33 per cent in total value and 26 per cent in quantity as compared with 1929. The average value per ton of lead pigments sold in 1930, as reported by producers, declined 19 per cent, whereas the average New York quotation for pig lead declined only 1 per cent in value per ton in 1930, as compared with 1929. The following tables show the sales of lead and zinc pigments and salts from 1921 to 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines.

Lead pigments sold by domestic manufacturers in the United States in short tons

Year	White lead		Basic lead sulphate or sublimed lead		Red lead
	Dry	In oil	White	Blue	
1921	26,738	143,645	11,608	463	21,806
1922	41,598	153,393	13,705	972	30,500
1923	37,780	125,087	11,949	800	38,037
1924	42,022	144,872	14,572	1,066	36,813
1925	43,426	120,479	14,996	1,090	41,689
1926	37,968	111,845	12,271	1,236	42,550
1927	38,069	110,026	13,482	1,061	39,073
1928	42,049	111,923	10,002	1,234	40,497
1929	42,159	104,872	16,580	1,234	43,021
1930	32,548	69,592	10,308	1,219	32,941

Lead pigments sold by domestic manufacturers in the United States, 1920

	1920			Short tons	Value
	Short tons	Value (at plant, exclusive of container)			
		Total	Average		
Lead sulphate or sublimed lead:					
White.....	15,580	\$2,274,917	\$146	10,308	\$1,460,000
Blue.....	1,234	195,849	159	1,219	188,000
Red.....	43,021	7,586,543	176	32,941	5,800,000
Mineral.....	878	165,039	213	358	54,000
Total.....	87,916	13,807,087	157	72,678	10,800,000
Lead:					
White.....	42,159	0,821,200	102	32,548	4,000,000
Blue.....	104,872	23,679,875	226	69,592	10,000,000

Zinc pigments and salts sold by domestic manufacturers in the United States, 1921 and 1930, in short tons

Year	Zinc oxide	Leaded zinc oxide	Lithopone	Zinc chloride (50° Baumé)	Zinc sulphate
1921	74,329	16,103	55,018	59,457	3,294
1922	128,405	19,613	83,360	41,627	5,071
1923	120,087	23,504	98,100	42,431	5,871
1924	131,470	20,720	109,400	51,054	4,471
1925	151,354	31,750	145,019	45,619	1,558
1926	146,923	23,859	159,931	147,200	1,611
1927	151,245	25,064	176,994	140,141	1,611
1928	160,004	24,223	200,468	145,060	1,751
1929	160,611	27,149	206,315	143,189	7,454
1930	119,142	17,270	164,065	20,043	6,245

¹ Revised figures.

Zinc pigments and salts sold by domestic manufacturers in the United States, 1929 and 1930

	1929			1930		
	Short tons	Value (at plant, exclusive of container)		Short tons	Value (at plant, exclusive of container)	
		Total	Average		Total	Average
Zinc oxide ¹	100,011	\$20,516,246	\$128	119,142	\$14,896,883	\$124
Leaded zinc oxide ¹	27,149	3,224,544	119	17,279	2,072,197	119
Lithopone	206,315	19,773,864	96	164,065	15,807,683	96
Zinc chloride, 50° B.	143,189	1,864,431	143	29,043	1,247,385	43
Zinc sulphate	7,454	333,837	45	6,249	276,728	45

¹ Zinc oxide containing 5 per cent or more of lead is classed as leaded zinc oxide.

² Revised figures.

Statistics for lead arsenate, lead acetate, zinc stearate, and other lead and zinc salts and compounds are collected biennially by the Bureau of the Census for odd years. The following tables show the production (exclusive of pigments, zinc chloride, and zinc sulphate) during the past few years, as compiled by that bureau.

Lead acetate, lead arsenate, and other lead salts (exclusive of lead pigments) produced in the United States, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927, and 1929

Year	Lead acetate			Lead arsenate		Other
	Total production	Produced for sale		Produced for sale (short tons)	Value	Value
		Short tons	Value			
1919	2,560	2,092	\$552,435	5,733	\$2,090,341	\$331
1921	1,408	372	90,305	4,015	1,029,440	120
1923	2,753	610	160,133	5,378	2,229,431	388
1925	3,432	1,251	350,686	5,969	1,777,562	192
1927	(8)	1,508	305,122	10,764	3,100,257	294
1929	(8)	1,042	255,763	14,952	3,304,351	184

¹ Not given.

² The statistics for 1927 and 1929 are not comparable with those for preceding years as the figures to 1927 do not include data for the production reported by establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of patent and proprietary medicines and compounds.

Zinc stearate and other salts and compounds of zinc (exclusive of zinc chloride, and zinc sulphate) produced in the United States, 1927, and 1929

Year	Zinc stearate	
	Short tons	Value
1927	227	\$
1929	393	\$
1929	391	\$
1929	727	\$

Not given.

SOURCE

Lead pigments and zinc pigments and salts are manufactured from a variety of materials, including ore, refined metal, and secondary materials such as scrap and waste materials from industrial processes.

The following table gives the quantity and source of the materials contained in the lead pigments and in the zinc pigments produced in the United States in 1929 and 1930. It shows that 93.0, 96.3 per cent of the lead in lead pigments was derived from lead, 3.4 per cent from ore, and 0.3 per cent from secondary materials; for zinc pigments and salts the proportions were 67.9 per cent from zinc, 17.6 per cent from slab zinc, and 14.5 per cent from secondary material.

Material content of lead pigments and zinc pigments, and salts produced by domestic manufacturers, 1929 and 1930, by sources, in short tons

Source	1929		1930
	Lead in pigments ¹	Zinc in pigments and salts	
Domestic ore	0,429	138,104	
Foreign ore	248,667	39,620	
Secondary material ²	2,427	26,795	
Total	250,513	204,519	

¹ Includes also lead recovered in zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide. The metal content of lead arsenate is not available, as no canvass of their production is made by the Bureau of the Census. These salts are derived from pig lead, and their metal content has already been taken into account in the figures covering lead production.

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In the following tables the source of the metal used in the manufacture of each pigment and salt is given. Pig lead is used either directly or indirectly, in the manufacture of white lead, and orange mineral and, to a large extent, in the manufacture of basic lead sulphate. Zinc oxide is the only pigment which is used in considerable amounts. Ore is used in the manufacture of zinc oxide, leaded zinc oxide, lithopone, zinc sulphate, and zinc chloride. Considerable secondary lead is used in the manufacture of lead sulphate, and a substantial proportion of the zinc chloride and zinc chloride made in the United States is from secondary material.

Lead content of lead and zinc pigments produced by domestic manufacturers, 1929 and 1930, by sources, in short tons

Pigment	1929				1930			
	Lead in pigments produced from—			Total lead in pigments	Lead in pigments produced from—			Total lead in pigments
	Domestic ore	Pig lead	Secondary material		Domestic ore	Pig lead	Secondary material	
White lead.....	.....	120,040	.....	120,040	.....	87,320	.....	87,320
Red lead.....	.....	39,375	.....	39,375	.....	30,403	.....	30,403
Litharge.....	.....	82,670	.....	82,670	.....	67,510	.....	67,510
Orange mineral.....	.....	702	.....	702	.....	222	.....	222
Basic lead sulphate.....	4,213	5,804	1,682	11,769	1,963	4,628	636	7,227
Leaded zinc oxide.....	5,078	.....	745	5,823	4,093	.....	53	4,146
Zinc oxide.....	138	.....	.....	138	40	.....	.....	40
	9,429	248,657	2,427	260,513	6,686	190,182	689	197,555

Zinc content of zinc pigments and salts produced by domestic manufacturers, 1929 and 1930, by sources, in short tons

Pigment or salt	1929				1930			
	Zinc in pigments and salts produced from—			Total zinc in pigments and salts	Zinc in pigments and salts produced from—			Total zinc in pigments and salts
	Domestic ore	Slab zinc	Secondary material		Domestic ore	Slab zinc	Secondary material	
Zinc oxide.....	97,263	39,600	72	136,935	71,324	27,085	149	98,558
Leaded zinc oxide.....	11,177	.....	3,087	14,264	11,428	.....	100	11,528
Lithopone.....	28,707	15	12,871	41,593	20,540	.....	14,679	35,219
Zinc chloride.....	.....	5	9,871	9,876	.....	5	6,532	6,537
Zinc sulphate.....	867	.....	804	1,671	1,203	.....	784	2,007
	138,104	39,620	20,705	198,429	104,861	27,090	22,304	154,255

¹ Includes zinc content of a small quantity of zinc sulphide produced.

² Revised figures.

PREPARATION AND USES

WHITE LEAD

White lead is the basic carbonate of lead and is the oldest and most important of the white pigments used in oil paint. The properties of white lead that contribute to its usefulness in paint are its very great hiding power and the facility with which white-lead paint can be worked with a brush. Owing to its relatively high first cost and the fact that white-lead paints are blackened by compounds containing sulphur, the use of less-expensive zinc oxide and lithopone pigments has increased during recent years and has seriously retarded expansion of the white-lead industry.

The largest part of the white lead manufactured in the United States is produced, by the "stack" or old Dutch process, where perforated disks of high-grade metallic lead, called "buckles," about 6 inches in diameter, are placed in small clay pots, each of which has a well in the bottom containing dilute acetic acid. These pots are arranged in tiers within a large room. Each tier is covered with

boards and a layer of spent tanbark. The lead is covered with basic carbonate by the action of acetic acid vapor and oxygen, and the heat necessary to vaporize the acetic acid is supplied by the fermentation of the tanbark. The process requires four months for completion. The corroded lead buckles are crushed, screened, and ground in water, and the pulp is filtered to form dry white lead or ground with oil without drying to the oil pigment.

Some white lead is also made by the Carter process, an electrolytic process. In the former, metallic lead is finely divided and steam and is then treated with dilute acetic acid and carbon dioxide in slowly rotating wooden cylinders. The process is completed about 12 days. In the electrolytic process a lead anode and a cathode are used, each of which has an independent circulation of electrolyte kept separate by a porous diaphragm. The electrolytes are solutions of sodium acetate containing sodium carbonate. The anolyte contains the exact amount of carbonate to precipitate the basic lead carbonate, whereas the catholyte contains a relatively large amount of carbonate. During electrolysis lead dissolves at the anode surface and is immediately precipitated as the basic carbonate in suspension in the anolyte. At the cathode, CO_2 is generated at the cathode, passes through the diaphragm, replaces the CO_2 precipitated with the lead, thus maintaining the anolyte at a constant concentration. The catholyte passes through a carbon dioxide absorption tower where it is restored to its original strength. The basic lead carbonate is filtered from the catholyte, washed, dried, pulverized, and barreled.

The principal use of white lead is in the manufacture of paint. It is the only important white pigment that is used unmixed in oil paints; it is also used in varying proportions in mixed pigments. White lead is furnished to the paint manufacturers as "paste in oil" containing about 8 per cent of white lead, as "semipaste in oil" containing 12 to 15 per cent linseed oil, or as "dry white lead" containing three-fourths of the white lead produced in the United States and one-fourth in oil. Dry white lead is also used as a constituent in the finer grades of pottery, and some is used in the manufacture of rubber.

The following table shows the sales of white lead (dry and in oil) in various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the United States by the producers.

Distribution of white lead (dry and in oil) sales, 1929 and 1930, by industry

Industry	1929		1930
	Short tons	Per cent of total	
Paints.....	136,520	92.8	147,031
Other.....	4,246	2.9	.....
.....	6,269	4.3	.....
Total.....	147,031	100.0	.....

The United States exports about 6,000 tons of white lead annually, of which is manufactured in bond from foreign lead.

BASIC LEAD SULPHATE

Basic lead sulphate is also known as sublimed lead and is marketed in two forms, "white" and "blue."

The white variety is usually made by vaporizing powdered galena at a high temperature in the presence of air, which oxidizes it to the basic sulphate. The resultant fume is collected in bags, and owing to the zinc content of the ore used it usually contains about 5 per cent of zinc oxide. This product is usually not as white as basic carbonate white lead, but has a more stable color in the presence of sulphur gases. Sublimed white lead is also made directly from pig lead. The molten metal is blown through an atomizing nozzle into a heated furnace, and at the same time free oxygen and sulphur dioxide are introduced. The lead is vaporized, oxidized, and converted into basic lead sulphate or lead sulphate in quantity proportionate to the oxygen and sulphur dioxide introduced into the furnace. The resultant fume is collected in settling chambers. It is claimed that this product is the whitest of the lead pigments. Sublimed white lead is used chiefly in the manufacture of prepared paints and mixed pigments. It is also used in the manufacture of storage-battery plates and rubber.

The blue variety is generally a by-product of the smelting of pig lead and is collected from the fumes leaving the smelting furnace. Its color is due to small amounts of carbon and lead sulphide. Paints made from blue lead are especially useful as protective coatings on metallic surfaces. Some blue lead is also used in the manufacture of rubber.

The following table shows the sales of basic lead sulphate to various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines by the producers.

Distribution of basic lead sulphate sales, 1929 and 1930, by industries

Industry	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Per cent of total	Short tons	Per cent of total
Paints.....	13,436	79.9	9,573	91.1
Storage batteries.....	2,327	13.8	1,104	10.6
Rubber.....	655	3.9	394	3.8
Other.....	307	2.4	450	4.3
	16,814	100.0	11,527	100.0

LITHARGE

Litharge is the monoxide of lead and when pure contains roughly 93 per cent of lead and 7 per cent of oxygen. Commercial litharge usually contains some red lead (Pb_3O_4). Litharge is made by oxidizing pig lead with air at moderate temperatures in reverberatory or cupel furnaces. Powdered litharge is usually produced in the reverberatory furnace, whereas flake litharge is produced in the cupel furnace. Flake litharge is sometimes ground into powdered litharge.

The texture and color of the litharge, which affect its use in various industries, are controlled by the temperature of the furnace and the method of cooling.

The chief use of litharge is in the manufacture of storage-battery plates. The negative plates are usually made of straight litharge, whereas the positive plates are a mixture of red lead and litharge. The next largest use of litharge is in the oil-refining industry, where it is used to remove objectionable sulphur compounds from gasoline.

More than 12,000 tons of litharge was so used in 1930 for the regeneration of the litharge used in oil refining recently.

Litharge acts as a toughener and cure accelerator in the manufacture of mechanical rubber goods and rubber clothing. It is also used in the manufacture of lead chromate color pigments, pottery, enamel ware, and glass, and as a drier in varnish and linoleum.

The following table shows the sales of litharge to various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines by the producers.

Distribution of litharge sales, 1929 and 1930, by industries

Industry	1929	
	Short tons	Per cent of total
Storage batteries.....	37,160	91.1
Oil refining.....	13,615	32.8
Rubber.....	6,651	16.1
Ceramics.....	8,603	20.8
Chrome pigments.....	8,112	19.7
Enamel.....	3,124	7.6
Linoleum.....	10,269	24.9
	87,916	100.0

Of this quantity about 6,000 tons was reported sold for use as insecticide and was not separately reported.

RED LEAD

Red lead is the tetroxide of lead (Pb_3O_4) and is produced by heating powdered litharge at a moderate temperature in a furnace. Red lead contains about 91 per cent of lead. It is used in the manufacture of red lead paint, which contains from 70 to 98 per cent of red lead, the remainder being litharge which is unchanged in the process of manufacture. The principal use of red lead is in the manufacture of red lead paint, where, mixed with litharge, it usually forms the pigment. It is an important pigment in paints used for painting on metal surfaces and accounts for the familiar red lead paint on practically all steel construction. A recent use of red lead in underground pipe lines is the use of a baked red lead paint for the application of phallic or bituminous protective coatings. Red lead is also one of the lead compounds used in the production of optical glass. It is also used in potter's glaze and as a drier in the manufacture of varnish.

The following table shows the sales of red lead to various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines by the producers.

Distribution of red lead sales, 1929 and 1930, by industries

Industry	1929	
	Short tons	Per cent of total
Storage batteries.....	25,689	91.1
Oil refining.....	11,555	41.5
Linoleum.....	903	3.2
	43,021	100.0

Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, Regenerating Litharge for Sodium, February, 1931, p. 76.

ORANGE MINERAL

Orange mineral is a form of red lead; it has the same chemical composition but differs in physical properties and has a lower specific gravity and lighter color. It is usually made by roasting white lead by a process that requires great care and skill. Consequently, the price is higher than that for any of the other lead pigments. Orange mineral is used chiefly in the manufacture of an artificial vermilion color pigment known as eosin lake; it is also used in the production of printer's inks and enamels.

The following table shows the sales of orange mineral to various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines by the producers.

Distribution of orange mineral sales, 1929 and 1930, by industries

Industry	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Per cent of total	Short tons	Per cent of total
Color pigments.....	487	71.8	188	62.1
Ink manufacture.....	151	22.3	88	29.7
Other.....	40	5.9	80	27.2
	678	100.0	356	100.0

ZINC OXIDE

Zinc oxide, the monoxide of zinc, is made in the United States by two processes—the French and the American. In the former, metallic zinc is heated in a current of air and the resultant oxide fumes are collected in long chambers. The product is graded according to its fineness and is labeled "white seal," "green seal," or "red seal." The white-seal variety is the finest and whitest grade. Its specific gravity is much lower than those of the coarser grades. It is used chiefly in high-grade enamel paints. Green seal and red seal are the intermediate and heavy grades, respectively.

American process zinc oxide is made by heating a mixture of zinc ore and anthracite to produce a metallic zinc vapor, which in turn is treated with air to form the oxide. The oxide fume is collected in bag houses. As lead is usually present in the ore the resultant oxide contains some lead compounds. It is usually not quite as white as French oxide but in other respects is very similar. The American process for making zinc oxide predominates in the United States.

Zinc oxide has been used as a paint pigment to a moderate extent for several centuries, but the increase in production in the United States during the twentieth century has been due mainly to the growth of the rubber industry. No recent data on the consumption of zinc oxide by industries are available, but in 1926 it was estimated that the rubber industry consumed more than half of the zinc oxide produced in the United States. Zinc oxide increases the tensile strength of rubber and its resistance to abrasion and tear. It improves the aging qualities by counteracting the tendency of rubber goods to deteriorate under action of light and heat. All of the

properties are essential in making automobile tires. Zinc oxide is seldom used alone as a paint pigment, but it gives a hard, smooth surface which on aging tends to retain a pleasing color and costs less than white lead, has excellent covering properties, and is durable. These properties make zinc oxide a useful constituent of mixed pigments and a large usage. It is generally mixed with lead, and inert pigments.

Zinc oxide is also used in the manufacture of oil-soluble battery glazes and glass, celluloid, druggists' supplies, and leather finishes and for many other purposes. The use of zinc oxide as a lubricant was reported in 1926. A mixture of zinc oxide and oil in equal parts is said to be used on bearings and to improve the bearing surface on a thin film of zinc.

Exports of zinc oxide in 1930 amounted to 9 per cent of the production.

LEADED ZINC OXIDE

Leaded zinc oxide is made by a method similar to the process of making zinc oxide. The ore used contains a small amount of basic lead sulphate. The properties of the finished product are similar to those of zinc oxide and basic lead sulphate, but its hiding power is not so white as American process zinc oxide. Leaded zinc oxide is used chiefly in the manufacture of lithopone; with lithopone it is said to produce a good exterior paint.

LITHOPONE

Lithopone is the newest of the important white pigments. Its introduction into the United States dates back to the nineteenth century. It contains about 70 per cent of zinc sulphide and about 30 per cent of zinc sulphate. The latter, which is responsible for the useful pigment qualities, is the product of the process of manufacture consists in mixing solutions of barium sulphide and zinc sulphate. The precipitate is heated to a red heat and plunged into water, which it is ground, dried, and powdered.

The use of high-strength lithopone, containing about 80 per cent of zinc sulphide, has been increasing in recent years. It can be made directly or by mixing zinc sulphide with barium sulphide. The increase in imports of zinc sulphide from 1926 to more than 315 tons in 1929 is due to the increased manufacture of high-strength lithopone. It is said to possess very high hiding power and other properties which make it particularly suitable for use in paint goods.

The use of lithopone in the United States has increased rapidly and has spread to many industries. Its chief use is in paint manufacture, in which it is favored on account of its low cost and many good qualities. Formerly the use of lithopone was confined to interior paint, as the pigment would discolor in sunlight. In recent years, however, the refining process has been changed, and it is claimed that lithopone with a stable color suitable for exterior paints is now being produced. It is generally mixed with other pigments, notably zinc oxide.

A large quantity of lithopone is used in the manufacture of oilcloths and linoleum, artificial leather finishes, window shades, and printer's inks.

Imports of lithopone into the United States in 1930 amounted to 7,018 short tons, or the equivalent of 4 per cent of the domestic sales. Exports amounted to 3,665 tons.

The following table shows the sales of lithopone to various industries in 1929 and 1930, as reported to the Bureau of Mines by the producers.

Distribution of lithopone sales, 1929 and 1930, by industries

Industry	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Per cent of total	Short tons	Per cent of total
Paints, varnish, and lacquers	150,804	73.1	120,076	59.7
Floor coverings and textiles	37,506	18.2	23,658	11.6
Rubber	7,176	3.5	5,997	2.9
Other	10,829	5.2	8,336	4.0
	206,315	100.0	164,065	100.0

ZINC SALTS

Zinc sulphate, sometimes known as white vitriol, is usually made by treating secondary zinc material with dilute sulphuric acid, which upon evaporation yields the white crystalline salt. One of the principal uses of zinc sulphate is as a depressing reagent in the flotation of lead-zinc ores. It has recently been used as a weed killer in the nurseries of the United States Forestry Service. It is also used in the solutions of electro-galvanizing cells, to some extent in calico printing and in dyeing, as a drier for linseed oil, as a disinfectant and astringent, and as a sizing on cement prior to painting. In addition to these uses, several thousand tons is used yearly in the manufacture of lithopone; as this sulphate represents an intermediate product it is not separately recorded by the Bureau of Mines.

Zinc chloride may be prepared by treating zinc directly with chlorine or with hydrochloric acid, the latter being more generally used. Practically all zinc chloride produced in the United States is made from scrap metal or secondary materials, such as drosses, ashes, skin mings, and galvanizer's scrap. Owing to its hygroscopic properties it is usually marketed in solution, although the fused salt may be obtained in air-tight containers. Zinc chloride is used chiefly as a preservative of timber. It is also used as a germicide and disinfectant, in the refining of petroleum, in the textile industry, in the manufacture of hard fiber, for medical purposes, and in dentistry.

A new wood preservative, zinc meta-arsenite, $Zn(AsO_2)_2$, has recently been developed and according to reports is being used in increasing amounts, particularly where large quantities of moisture

are encountered. The chemical is insoluble in water and has the disagreeable properties of creosote, such as its strong odor, and unpaintability.

PRODUCERS AND PLANTS

The following companies reported having sold or produced the pigments and zinc salts of their own production:

White lead:	
Anaconda Lead Products Co. (electrolytic process)	East Chicago, Ind.
Carter White Lead Co.	West Pullman, Ill.
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	East St. Louis, Ill.
Do.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Euston Lead Co.	Scranton, Pa.
W. P. Fuller & Co.	South San Francisco, Cal.
John T. Lewis & Bros. Co.	Philadelphia, Pa.
National Lead Co.	Chicago, Ill.
Do.	St. Louis, Mo.
Do.	Perth Amboy, N. J.
Do.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Do.	Port Richmond, N. J.
Do.	Cincinnati, Ohio
National Lead Co. of California	Melrose, Cal.
National Lead & Oil Co. of Pennsylvania	New Kensington, Pa.
Sherwin-Williams Co.	Chicago, Ill.
Wetherill & Bro.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Lead sulphate, or sublimed lead:	
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	Joplin, Mo.
Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.	Galena, Mo.
St. Louis Smelting & Refining Works of National Lead Co.	Collinsville, Mo.
Lead, orange mineral, and litharge:	
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	East St. Louis, Ill.
Do.	Joplin, Mo.
Do.	Newark, N. J.
Do.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Evans Lead Co.	Charleston, W. Va.
Franklin Lead Oxide Co.	Franklin, Pa.
W. P. Fuller & Co.	South San Francisco, Cal.
Grasselli Chemical Co.	East Chicago, Ind.
Morris P. Kirk & Son	Los Angeles, Cal.
John T. Lewis & Bros. Co.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Metals Refining Co.	Hammond, Ind.
National Lead Co. of California	Melrose, Cal.
National Lead Co.	Chicago, Ill.
Do.	St. Louis, Mo.
Do.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
National Lead & Oil Co. of Pennsylvania	New Kensington, Pa.
Sherwin-Williams Co.	Chicago, Ill.
Lead oxide and leaded zinc oxide:	
American Zinc Co. of Illinois	Hillsboro, Ind.
American Zinc Oxide Co.	Columbus, Ind.
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	Hillsboro, Ind.
Empire Zinc Co.	Canon City, Colo.
Grasselli Chemical Co.	East Chicago, Ind.
International Lead Refining Co. (French process)	Do.
Do.	Akron, Ohio
Mineral Point Zinc Co.	Mineral Point, Wis.
New Jersey Zinc Co. (of Pennsylvania)	Palmerton, Pa.
Do. (French process)	Freemansburg, Pa.
Osark Smelting & Mining Co.	Coffeyville, Mo.
Joseph Lead Co.	Herculeane, Ind.

Lithopone:	
Chemical & Pigment Co. (Inc.)	Oakland, Calif.
Do.	Collinsville, Ill.
Do.	St. Helena, Md.
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	Argo, Ill.
Grasselli Chemical Co.	Grasselli, N. J.
Do.	Newark, N. J.
Do.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Krebs Pigment & Chemical Co.	Newport, Del.
Mineral Point Zinc Co.	Depue, Ill.
New Jersey Zinc Co. (of Pennsylvania)	Palmerton, Pa.
Sherwin-Williams Co.	Chicago, Ill.
United Color & Pigment Co.	Newark, N. J.
Zinc salts:	
American Smelting & Refining Co.	Selby, Calif.
Do.	Durango, Colo.
Do.	Omaha, Nebr.
Do.	Perth Amboy, N. J.
Arkansas Preservative Co.	North Little Rock, Ark.
Charles Cooper & Co.	Newark, N. J.
General Chemical Co.	Chicago, Ill.
Grasselli Chemical Co.	East Chicago, Ind.
Do.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Do.	Weirton, W. Va.
Harshaw Chemical Co.	Cleveland, Ohio.
Charles Lennig & Co. (Inc.)	Philadelphia, Pa.
Merrimac Chemical Co.	Everett, Mass.
Ozark Smelting & Mining Co.	Coffeyville, Kans.

During 1930 the St. Joseph Lead Co., at Rochester, Pa., completed a new zinc oxide plant in which zinc sulphide concentrates are converted into the oxide by a new electrothermic process. The plant has a capacity of 120 tons of concentrates daily, and the first furnace was put into operation early in 1931. The by-product, sulphur dioxide gas, is converted into sulphuric acid by the contact process. Zinc oxide was produced during 1930 at the experimental plant of the company at Herculanum, Mo.; this plant was closed toward the end of the year.

Morris P. Kirk & Son (Inc.), control of which was acquired by the National Lead Co., began producing lead oxides in 1930 at Los Angeles, Calif. The lead oxide plant and assets (at Charleston, Va.) of the Evans-Walloway Lead Co. of St. Louis, Mo., were also purchased by the National Lead Co. during 1930.

The lead smelter and sublimed lead plant of the Eagle-Picher Lead Co. at Galena, Kans., were acquired in 1930 by the newly created subsidiary, the Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co.

TARIFF

The tariff act of 1930 became effective June 18, 1930. The only changes in the schedules on lead and zinc pigments and salts were an increase from 1½ cents to 3 cents per pound on zinc sulphide, and an increase from 1½ cents per pound to 1½ cents per pound plus 15 per cent ad valorem on lithopone containing by weight 30 per cent or more of zinc sulphide. The rates on lead and zinc pigments and salts provided in the 1930 act are shown in the following statement.

Import duties on lead and zinc pigments and salts under the

Item	
Lead pigments:	
Litharge	2½ c
Orange mineral	3 c
Red lead	2½ c
White lead	2½ c
All pigments containing lead, dry or in pulp, or ground in or mixed with oil or water, not specially provided for	30
Lead chemicals:	
Acetate, white	2½ c
Acetate, brown, gray, or yellow	2 c
Nitrate, arsenate, and resinate	2 c
All other lead compounds, n. s. p. f.	30
Zinc pigments:	
Zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide containing not more than 25 per cent of lead—	
Dry powder	1½ c
Ground in or mixed with oil or water	2½ c
Lithopone, and other combinations or mixtures of zinc sulphide and barium sulphate containing by weight—	
Less than 30 per cent of zinc sulphide	1½ c
30 per cent or more of zinc sulphide	1½ c
Zinc chemicals:	
Zinc chloride	1½ c
Zinc sulphate	1½ c
Zinc sulphide	3 c

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

LEAD PIGMENTS

Imports of lead pigments into the United States are of great importance. Exports of white lead pigments increased in 1930 and amounted to 6 per cent of the total sales of white lead; exports to the United Kingdom increased 73 per cent of the total. Combined exports of white lead, orange mineral, and red lead increased 43 per cent of the total sales by domestic companies. Exports of these three pigments to Canada, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom amounted to 39, 22, and 1, respectively; exports to Netherlands West Indies, 700 tons, or 325 per cent; those to the United States increased 162 and 4 per cent, respectively.

Basic carbonate white lead, red lead, litharge, and orange mineral consumption in the United States, 1921-1930

Year	Basic carbonate white lead		Red lead		Litharge	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
1921	124, 178	\$12, 698	12, 236	\$689	100	
1922	222, 465	21, 335	1, 405	94	1, 770	
1923	336, 892	31, 286	8, 600	220	22, 526	
1924	141, 155	13, 478	1, 874	165	1, 838	
1925	213, 028	21, 535	3, 452	268	2, 417	
1926	297, 567	31, 690	9, 691	817	1, 122	
1927	330, 421	29, 901	51, 688	4, 403	1, 182	
1928	166, 236	15, 889	24, 676	1, 510	2, 100	
1929	196, 478	19, 086	10, 197	745	3, 763	
1930	147, 132	13, 496	19, 115	1, 234	968	

White lead and red lead exported from the United States, 1921-1930

Year	White lead ¹		Red lead ¹	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
1921.....	5,161	\$993,130	548	\$115,200
1922.....	4,698	710,706	1,683	294,700
1923.....	5,172	836,261	1,840	372,000
1924.....	5,055	853,444	1,940	210,000
1925.....	6,822	1,293,168	802	185,000
1926.....	6,239	1,119,360	775	175,000
1927.....	6,047	947,226	1,429	274,000
1928.....	6,476	952,316	2,084	364,000
1929.....	5,908	921,509	2,890	503,000
1930.....	6,546	923,281	4,128	600,000

¹ Exports of white lead and basic lead sulphate or sublimed lead not classified separately after 1922; figures for 1923-1930 may include an unknown quantity of basic lead sulphate or sublimed lead.
² Exports of red lead and litharge not classified separately for 1923-1924 and 1927-1930; the figures for those years may include an unknown quantity of litharge; the figures for 1923-1930 include also an unknown quantity of orange mineral. Figures for other years are for red lead only.

White lead¹ exported from the United States, 1929 and 1930, by destinations

Destination	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
North America:				
Canada.....	122	\$19,807	66	\$10,000
Cuba.....	58	10,207	67	10,000
Mexico.....	127	28,776	98	21,000
Panama.....	668	117,561	101	18,000
Other.....	66	13,688	56	11,000
	940	180,039	388	60,000
South America:				
Argentina.....	400	65,413	434	67,000
Brazil.....	12	2,231	23	4,000
Colombia.....	18	4,206	3	5,000
Uruguay.....	32	5,080	43	7,000
Venezuela.....	19	4,213	11	2,000
Other.....	15	2,648	61	10,000
	496	83,800	575	90,000
Europe:				
Netherlands.....	532	60,715	257	30,000
United Kingdom.....	3,382	482,627	4,760	632,000
Other.....	23	4,056	68	10,000
	3,937	553,998	5,075	672,000
Asia:				
Philippine Islands.....	228	47,912	380	70,000
Other.....	266	37,948	104	14,000
	494	85,860	484	84,000
Africa.....	5	744	8	10,000
Oceania, including Australia.....	36	7,108	16	2,000
	5,008	921,509	6,546	923,281

¹ Exports of white lead and basic lead sulphate or sublimed lead not classified separately after 1922; figures may include an unknown quantity of basic lead sulphate or sublimed lead.

ZINC PIGMENTS AND SALTS

Imports of lithopone, the principal zinc pigment imported in the United States, decreased 17 per cent in 1930 and were equivalent to 4 per cent of the domestic sales. Imports of zinc oxide declined 18 per cent and were equivalent to less than 1 per cent of the

domestic production. Imports of zinc sulphide, which in 1926 to 1929, declined 75 per cent in 1930. No zinc pigments imported in 1930 came from Europe. Belgium 10 per cent, France 20 per cent, and the United Kingdom 70 per cent of the zinc oxide; the Netherlands supplied 86 per cent of the lithopone; and Germany supplied 90 per cent of the zinc sulphide. The United Kingdom and Canada together supplied, respectively, of the zinc oxide exported in 1930, 88 per cent of the lithopone exported.

Zinc oxide, lithopone, zinc sulphide (white), zinc chloride, and zinc chloride exported for consumption in the United States, 1921-1930

Year	Zinc oxide			
	Dry		In oil	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
1921.....	1,286	\$145,071	57	\$17,000
1922.....	2,712	361,599	42	8,000
1923.....	1,036	169,415	89	21,000
1924.....	1,703	229,629	110	25,000
1925.....	1,274	205,582	132	31,000
1926.....	1,127	193,897	94	23,000
1927.....	1,399	220,427	77	18,000
1928.....	1,348	208,557	107	25,000
1929.....	1,267	203,080	110	27,000
1930.....	1,066	148,891	79	10,000

Year	Zinc sulphide ¹		Zinc chloride	
	Pounds ²	Value	Short tons	Value
1921.....	93,537	\$8,330	2,199	\$213,000
1922.....	27,169	8,463	1,374	87,000
1923.....	11,844	5,403	551	44,000
1924.....	9,678	5,727	319	28,000
1925.....	14,604	5,589	469	50,000
1926.....	7,800	4,125	568	51,000
1927.....	132,223	22,984	470	40,000
1928.....	338,030	47,235	563	47,000
1929.....	630,565	84,200	638	50,000
1930.....	159,633	23,552	351	28,000

¹ Zinc sulphide is stated in pounds rather than tons because of its high value.

Zinc oxide and lithopone exported from the United States

Year	Zinc oxide	
	Short tons	Value
1921.....	2,511	\$426,253
1922.....	3,977	593,128
1923.....	5,024	743,577
1924.....	3,927	606,030
1925.....	10,855	1,503,561
1926.....	14,661	1,917,420
1927.....	14,494	1,821,786
1928.....	14,799	1,849,889
1929.....	17,638	2,301,643
1930.....	10,763	1,446,904

¹ Classified separately prior to 1922.

Zinc oxide exported from the United States, 1929 and 1930, by destinations

Destination	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
North America:				
Canada.....	7,702	\$1,002,618	4,547	\$522,000
Cuba.....	117	17,508	91	12,000
Mexico.....	73	13,448	20	4,000
Panama.....	87	15,480	101	12,000
Other.....	18	4,483	53	6,000
	7,997	1,113,543	4,812	576,000
South America:				
Argentina.....	24	4,700	68	12,000
Brazil.....	5	1,129	0	0
Other.....	40	8,931	28	4,000
	69	14,859	105	20,000
Europe:				
France.....	452	50,836	428	52,000
Italy.....	69	11,361	115	16,000
United Kingdom.....	6,360	762,010	4,719	572,000
Other.....	1,144	128,904	116	16,000
	8,025	950,171	5,378	660,000
Asia:				
Philippine Islands.....	88	12,204	99	12,000
Other.....	819	110,416	107	20,000
	907	122,679	176	28,000
Africa.....	3	504	14	2,000
Oceania, including Australia.....	637	99,797	268	32,000
	17,638	2,301,643	10,763	1,440,000

PRICES AND VALUE

The total value and the average price received by producers from sales of lead and zinc pigments and salts are given on preceding pages of this chapter. The range of market quotations as reported by the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter is shown in the following table.

Range of quotations on lead pigments and zinc pigments and salts at New York, 1928-1930, in cents per pound

Product	1928	1929	1930
Basic lead sulphate, or sublimed lead, dry, casks.....	7.75	7.75-8.50	6.75
White lead, or basic lead carbonate:			
Dry, casks.....	8.25-8.50	8.25-9.00	7.25
In oil, carload lots.....	10.73	10.73-11.54	10.00
Litharge, American, commercial, powdered, casks.....	8.50-9.00	8.75-10.25	7.75
Red lead, dry, casks.....	9.50-10.00	9.75-11.25	8.75
Orange mineral, American, casks.....	11.50-12.00	11.75-13.25	10.75
Lead acetate, brown, broken, barrels.....	12.00-12.50	12.00-13.50	10.50
Lead arsenate, powdered, drums.....	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	13.00
Zinc oxide:			
American process, lead-free, bags, car lots.....	6.50	6.50	5.50
American process, leaded, barrels, car lots.....	6.88	6.88	5.88
French process, red seal, bags, car lots.....	9.38	9.38	8.38
French process, green seal, bags, car lots.....	10.38	10.38	9.38
French process, white seal, barrels, car lots.....	11.03	11.03	10.03
Lithopone, American, bags, car lots.....	5.25	5.25	4.50
Zinc chloride:			
Solution, drums.....	2.75-3.25	2.75-3.25	2.25
Fused.....	5.25	5.25-5.75	4.25
Zinc sulphate, barrels.....	3.50-3.75	3.00-3.75	3.00

¹ At works.

Quotations on each of the lead pigments declined somewhat during 1930 as a result of the decrease in the price of lead (New York) from 6.25 cents at the beginning of the year to 4.12½ cents at the end; the trend of prices was downward through April producers of lead pigments increased the price to provide a larger margin of profit to dealers and producers. Incentive to dealers to push the sale of lead pigments was given by white lead.

Quotations in 1930 on the various grades of zinc oxide maintained at the level of the three preceding years. The price of zinc (St. Louis) declined from 5.45 cents at the beginning of the year to 4.12½ cents at the end. The average price received by producers reporting to the Bureau of Mines was \$128 in 1929 to \$125 in 1930, due probably to a reduction of the cheaper grades of zinc oxide in 1930. The price for ordinary lithopone was maintained at 5½ cents for 11 months of the year, but in December it dropped to 4½ cents following a cut in the price of titanium pigment. The price of lithopone per ton, received by domestic producers, was \$100 as compared with \$96 in 1929. This increase in the price of lithopone, may have been due to a decrease in quotations, may have been due to a reduction of the higher priced high-strength lithopone.

SEARS, GEORGE W. Progress in production and use of tantalum. *Am. Metal Market*, vol. 37, Feb. 21, 1930, p. 5. *Metals and Alloys*, vol. 1, April 1930, p. 471.

Tantalum is receiving increasing attention as an acid-resistant metal. Tantalum ores and production and some alloys are briefly discussed. The extraction and metallurgy of tantalum and of columbium are touched upon.

SWOBODA, K., AND HORN, R. Determination of tantalum, tungsten, vanadium and molybdenum in high-speed steel. *Ztschr. anal. Chem.*, vol. 80, 1930, pp. 271-288. *Chem. Abs.*, vol. 24, Aug. 20, 1930, p. 3906.

WAYLAND, E. G., AND SPENCER, L. J. Bismuto-tantalite, a new mineral, from Uganda. *Mineralog. Mag.*, vol. 22, 1929, pp. 185-192. *Chem. Abs.*, vol. 24, 1930, p. 1321.

The mineral is found at Gamba Hill, Busiro County, in pegmatite. It contains about 50 per cent Bi_2O_3 and 47 per cent $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{Cb}_2\text{O}_5$. The indicated formula is $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot (\text{Ta}, \text{Cb})_2\text{O}_5$. Crystallographic data and a complete chemical analysis are given.

PATENTS

BALKE, C. W. (TO FANSTEEL PRODUCTS CO. (INC.)). Removal of carbon impurities from tantalum. U. S. Patent 1,754,453, Apr. 15, 1930. *Chem. and Ind.*, vol. 49, Oct. 3, 1930, p. 915.

Powdered tantalum containing small amounts of graphite is purified by heating it, in vacuo, with magnesia at a temperature at which the carbon will be oxidized and the resulting magnesium volatilized.

CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE CO., LTD. Production of tantalum by electrolysis of fused compounds. Canadian Patent 300,953, June 10, 1930.

The electrolytic bath is made up of a mixture of fluorides, including an alkali fluoride and a double fluoride of an alkali metal and a refractory rare metal.

FANSTEEL PRODUCTS CO. (INC.) Method of removing carbon impurities from tantalum. Canadian Patent 299,739, Aug. 19, 1927.

Process for eliminating carbon from difficultly fusible rare metal, particularly tantalum. French Patent 693,417, Apr. 5, 1930.

RAMAGE, J. H. (TO WESTINGHOUSE LAMP CO.). Tungsten-tantalum alloy. U. S. Patent 1,741,953, Dec. 31, 1929.

TITANIUM

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Countercurrent to the general business depression that engulfed other industries the titanium industry made marked progress in 1930. Not until 1920 were titanium dioxide pigments marketed on a commercial scale; by 1929 the domestic consumption was in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 pounds. In 1930, despite a substantial reduction in the aggregate consumption of other pigment materials, the use of titanium pigments seems to have been well maintained. Only one price reduction was made during 1930 as compared with two reductions in 1929. The change was made in December and amounted to three-fourths cent a pound for barium and calcium base titanium pigments. These progressive reductions are interpreted as a reflection of continued economies in manufacture that have resulted from the rapidly increasing scale of production, rather than as an indication of an urgent necessity to work off stocks. It is, furthermore, significant that the announcement of this reduction was promptly followed by a 15 per cent reduction in the price of lithopone.

Among many diversified applications probably the chief factor in the growing popularity of titanium pigments is their employment in brush and spray lacquers; in bakelite and similar synthetic phenolic and cresol condensation products; and in celluloid or pyroxylic plastics. Titanium dioxide is whiter than most of the other pigments and has a remarkably high covering power. Being virtually inert it does not react with the solvents ordinarily used. New color

ments have been developed to accompany titanium pigments for certain purposes, and practically all lithopone makers now offer special mixtures of lithopone and titanium dioxide. Titanium pigments also find growing use in the manufacture of coated textiles, rubber, wall papers, printing inks, glass, etc.

The use of titanium in pigments is by far the leading application, but there is also a substantial demand for titanium alloys. In 1930 it was found that the addition of titanium in certain combinations may permit the production of a steel that is resistant to granular corrosion even when high-carbon stock is used. An alloy with 0.15 per cent carbon and 0.75 titanium (0.05 per cent carbon content) showed the same resistance to corrosion as a material of 0.09 to 0.06 per cent carbon.

The use of titanium in glass formulas progressed during the year. Small use of the bichloride and sulphate in the manufacture of tetrachloride may also be employed for smoke screens.

The Navy air corps maneuvers and possibly for "artificial" metallic titanium is so difficult to produce that little progress has been made in introducing commercial uses for the metal, but it has been in progress in the National Physical Laboratory to determine the effects of titanium, added as titanium compounds, on various metals. This volatile compound is easily produced and should impart valuable qualities to any of the common metals. Its use in industry could be established without apparent expense.

A new domestic source of titanium was being developed at Piney River, the dividing line between Nelson County, Va., and Giles County, Va. The mine product is separated with magnetic machines yielding as principal materials ilmenite and apatite concentrates. The former of these is further treated to recover titanium dioxide, and the latter is converted into phosphoric acid and phosphates. Operations are said to have cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000, as reported in the *Manufacturers Record*:¹⁰

* To the right of the mill building are steel silos on reinforced concrete foundations, with a capacity of 600 tons of ilmenite. From the mill the ilmenite is conveyed by a pneumatic handling system to the ilmenite silos and from an interior mill storage, apatite is transported by a pneumatic system to the phosphate plant.

Ilmenite and apatite concentrates are chemically treated in the mill for the production of titanium dioxide and phosphoric acid. The titanium dioxide and phosphoric acid are then separated into secondary plant units into titanium salts and phosphates. Titanium dioxide and phosphoric acid are either sold as such or used in the manufacture of titanium pigments and phosphates. Operations are said to have cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000, as reported in the *Manufacturers Record*:¹⁰

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Wieg, Robert T., Use of Lacquers Has Given a Rebirth to Lithopone and Titanium Pigments. *Chem. and Ind. (London)*, vol. 49, No. 6, Feb. 7, 1930, p. 817.
Canadian Mining Journal, A Titanium Research. Vol. 51, No. 35, Aug. 29, 1930, p. 100.
Nelson, T. L., Geology of the Titanium and Apatite Deposits in Virginia: Virginia Geological Survey, vol. 1, 1915, pp. 100-105.
Manufacturers Record, New Chemical Industry for the South: Apr. 9, 1931, pp. 100-105.

The principal reagent used for both primary processes is sulphuric acid, because of the large quantities required, the plant units at Piney River include a contact sulphuric acid plant of the latest type, using a vanadium mass as catalyst. The sole raw material for this process of sulphuric acid manufacture is sulphur, brought from Texas to Norfolk or Newport News by steamer, thence by a comparatively short rail haul to Piney River.

A considerable amount of the sulphuric acid used in the manufacture of titanium dioxide by the Southern Mineral Products Corporation process reappears at the end of the operation as an impure dilute acid. A recovery system has been devised and a recovery unit installed so that impurities are removed, the dilute acid is concentrated, and a strong acid, entirely suitable for re-use is recovered. The other reagents used in the processes are employed in small quantities, essentially, ilmenite, apatite, and sulphur are the basic raw materials, with the two most important—ilmenite and apatite—produced by a mine and mill adjacent to the chemical plants.

The chemical processes at Piney River demand large quantities of water, most of the reactions are carried out in solution stage, and several of the process steps demand thorough washings of precipitates so that traces of foreign materials can be removed. The Piney River, which flows through the center of the property, provides an ample water supply. Even in the drought period of 1930 the river had a minimum flow several times that required by the plant. Tests have also proven the existence of an underground water strata.

Steam required for the various process units is developed in a compact, oil-fired boiler plant designed by the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, and electric power is obtained over a special transmission line from the Appalachian Electric Power Company. In addition to the mill and process units, the plant group includes two warehouse buildings, mechanical, electrical, and painter shops, and a series of strategically located fire hose houses, which with an independent high pressure stand pipe system, provide adequate fire protection.

Rutile has been mined in the United States principally at Roseland, Va., although minor quantities of rutile as well as ilmenite were formerly produced in Florida from the treatment of beach sands. Rutile has been identified at a few other localities in the Southeastern United States, but the deposits as a rule have not proved extensive. A possible new commercial source of rutile was reported to the Bureau of Mines by E. L. Dinning of the Harford Talc Co. The deposit, which is about 1½ miles west of Pylesville Post Office, Harford County, Md., has been exposed across a large open pit, and a drill hole shows a continuation of the rutile-bearing formation to a depth of at least 80 feet. Laboratory tests indicate that a recovery of about 6 per cent of the gross weight of the material may be made in the form of clean concentrates by means of table concentration followed by magnetic separation. The final concentrates should contain 93 to 96 per cent TiO_2 . Magnetite and amphibole are present in the table concentrates, which therefore contain only about 21 per cent of titanium dioxide. The crude rock assayed about 8.6 per cent TiO_2 .

Both in the United States and Canada the search continues for new means of utilizing titaniferous magnetites and low-grade ilmenite. What may prove another large body of such ores is reported in a letter addressed to the Bureau of Mines by L. W. Fargo, secretary of the Vermillion Range Land Co., Chicago, Ill. The deposit, which is south of Gunflint Lake in Cook County, Minn., is said to yield concentrates containing 1½ per cent vanadium as well as 12 per cent titanium. A year or two ago a metallization process was worked out in the laboratories of the Canada Department of Mines for low-grade ilmenite containing 31.75 per cent TiO_2 , 39 per cent iron, 10 per cent alumina, 7 per cent silica, and 2.6 per cent magnesia. At 990 to 1050° C. 94 per cent of the iron could be reduced to metallic iron in a rotary furnace by means of coal. Leaching the product

with 10 per cent sulphuric acid yielded a residue containing 6.27 per cent iron, and 0.8 per cent carbon. Various dry other processes for separating iron from titanium have been tried, but the problem concerns disposal of the iron sulphate. Copperas or ferrous sulphate are sold annually in large quantities supplied by existing sources, notably the pig-iron works. New outlets for this by-product are being sought by chemists as a result of research into the more efficient use of iron in water purification and sewage disposal.

DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

During 1930 the American Rutile Co. (a subsidiary of the Permut Corporation) shipped ilmenite and rutile concentrates from Roseland, Va. This plant formerly operated on a small scale, but recently the demand has increased so that the plant is now occupied. The output of titanium minerals from the United States, so far as data are available to the Bureau of Mines, is shown in the following table, which, however, does not include production:

Titanium minerals produced in the United States

Year	Rutile concentrates			Short tons
	Short tons	Percentage of TiO_2	Value	
1921	310	95	(?)	5
1922	270	95	(?)	6
1923	40	95	\$11,000	4
1924	30	95	\$7,500	5
1925	524	95	129,861	3
1926	176	93-96	\$7,700	4
1927	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
1928	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
1929	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
1930	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)

Production reported for 1921.

Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

Value in dollars.

Figures for Florida only. Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

The new plant of the Southern Mineral Products Corporation is not expected to come into production until early in 1931. Some of the beach deposits in California, however, have been mined, but there is no record of shipments being made. The Aluminum Co. of America (W. T. Eckhoff, secretary), of San Francisco, is concentrating its black sands along Monterey Bay, California, containing 8.70 per cent TiO_2 , 4.65 per cent iron. The Aluminum Co. of America is also engaged in the purification of bauxite for aluminum pigments were manufactured in the United States by the Titanium Pigment Co., a subsidiary of the Aluminum Co., with plants at St. Louis and Niagara Falls. The Commercial Pigments Co., a subsidiary of the Aluminum Co., with a plant at Baltimore. Early in 1930 the Aluminum Co. announced its intention to transfer its plant to St. Louis. Fifty-five men were reported

the change. The manufacture of ferrocabontitanium by the Titanium Alloy Manufacturing Co. (an affiliated concern) will be continued at Niagara Falls. Carbide-free ferrotitanium is produced by the Metal & Thermit Corporation. Ilmenite is the chief raw material for these alloys, as well as for the pigments. Rutile is used chiefly in the ceramic industry, especially in tile and in dinner ware, to add color and strength.

IMPORTS

Ilmenite sand is imported extensively from Travancore, India and from Senegal. From time to time shipments have also been made from Brazil. The imports of ilmenite, as recorded by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, amounted to 24,978 short tons, valued at \$150,466, in 1930. This quantity is a trifle less but the value 43 per cent more than the imports of 25,072 tons, valued at \$104,887, in 1929. Much of the ilmenite imported is from beach deposits, in which it occurs associated with monazite and zircon. In former years undoubtedly much ilmenite was included in the statistics for sand and other items, which, like ilmenite, are exempt from duty. A study of the records for 1929, however, indicated that this situation was much improved, although even now some of the ilmenite imported probably escapes being recorded under its special category. In Quebec, for example, deposits of massive ilmenite are worked at Ivry and at Baie St. Paul; the ore, which contains up to 38 per cent of TiO_2 , is shipped to the United States, but this movement does not appear in the import statistics.

Rutile is imported from Norway, but only in small amounts. The mineral is also associated with the ilmenite produced at St. Urbain near Baie St. Paul, in Quebec, and shipped to the General Electric Co. works at West Lynn, Mass. In 1930 the total imports of rutile were 3 short tons, valued at \$974.

WORLD PRODUCTION

The world production of titanium minerals in 1929 and 1930, gathered from Government reports and other available sources, is shown in the following table:

World production of titanium minerals, 1929 and 1930

Mineral and country	1929			1930		
	Ore produced	Content of TiO_2	Value ¹	Ore produced	Content of TiO_2	Value ¹
Ilmenite:	Metric tons	Per cent		Metric tons	Per cent	
Brazil ²	8,361	(?)	\$75,100	80	(?)	
Canada (Quebec).....	2,493	(?)	7,304	374	(?)	
India (Travancore).....	24,050	(?)	139,067	(?)	(?)	
Norway.....	7,923	43	63,500	7,630	43	
Portugal.....	56	60	250	(?)	(?)	
Senegal.....	7,240	(?)	24,280	5,322	(?)	
United States.....	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	
Rutile:						
Norway ³	43	90-93	13,600	46	90-93	
United States.....	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	

¹ Values as officially reported, converted to United States currency at the annual average rate of exchange published by the Federal Reserve Board.

² Exports.

³ Data not available.

⁴ Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

⁵ Concentrates.

THE INDUSTRY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Exports from Brazil, which increased to 6,361 metric tons in 1929, dropped to small proportions in 1930. The deposits are located on the coast of the States of Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo, Bahia. Three firms were recently reported to be working the Brazilian deposits. In Ceylon several large deposits of concentrated black sand have been discovered; the largest of these, at Puthal, is estimated to contain at least 2,000,000 tons of ilmenite.¹⁷ The Government decree passed in 1926, but none have been commercially as yet. A Ceylonese firm, however, is reported to have obtained a concession from the Indian Government for working deposits in the southern Travancore area that will yield ilmenite, monazite, and zircon. The Radium & Rare Earths Co., owning property at Olary, South Australia, employed a German chemist to develop a process for making pigment from ilmenite ores.

The Fabriques de Produits Chimiques of Thann and Lorraine started the manufacture of titanium white in France in 1918. The processes of the Société Française de Produits Chimiques, "Les Rares."¹⁸ This is the same process employed in the United States by the Commercial Pigments Corporation at Baltimore. In Italy, by the Italian company, the Società Anonima Titanio, S. R. L., at S. R. L. and by The United Manufacturers of Chemical Products at Aussig in Czechoslovakia. The product is sold under the name of "Thann" white, and the plant produced 600 tons annually. The Compagnie Générale des Produits Chimiques de Louvres is planning to operate a plant using a similar process. In Germany the Titanium Pigment Co. has licensed access to the Titan G. m. b. H., a subsidiary of the Farbenfabrik, with a titanium pigment plant at Leverkusen where the Farbenindustrie's lithopone interests are also centered.

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Easily soluble Ti compounds and very pure TiO_2 are prepared by rapidly heating with K_2SO_4 the water the product obtained by treatment of limonite with H_2SO_4 , filtering this solution, and washing the residue with H_2SO_4 .

Manufacture of concentrated titanyl and titanic sulphate solutions. British Patent 309,090, Apr. 4, 1929. Chem. and Ind. (London), vol. 49, No. 38, Sept. 19, 1930, p. 862.

A moderately hot solution (e. g., not exceeding 60°) of metatitanic acid in sulphuric acid is saturated with metatitanic acid, and then orthotitanic acid is added and the mixture concentrated in vacuo (e. g., at $70-90^\circ$). The titanic acids may be added in solid form or in aqueous solution. The solutions obtained are substantially free from iron and are adapted for use as tanning agents and mordants.

Titanium compounds from ores. German Patent 490,600, Mar. 12, 1926. Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull., vol. 9, No. 8, August, 1930, p. 681.

Ti ores are treated at high temperature with dilute H_2SO_4 in the presence of reducing agents, preferably compounds of ferrous Ti compounds. Thus, limonite, containing approximately 55% TiO_2 , 33% Fe, is heated with 40% H_2SO_4 and Cu to 180° for 6 hrs. On lixiviating the matrix, H_2TiO_3 with about a 0.5% Fe content is obtained. Without the reducing agent, the Fe content is about 20%. Other examples are given.

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Process of removing the iron from titanic iron ores which consists in pulverizing the ore, mixing the pulverized ore with sufficient free carbon to combine with substantially all of the oxygen in the iron of the ore and with a fusible alkaline salt, heating the mixture in the absence of free oxygen to a bright heat to cause combination of the carbon with substantially all of the oxygen of the iron oxide contained in the ore, producing free iron in a dispersed state, and immediately treating the whole mass with dilute acid capable of combining with the free iron in quantity at least sufficient to combine with all the free iron and to neutralize the alkaline salt whereby to resolve all the iron content of the ore to an iron salt in solution.

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Steels containing not more than 1% C and 0.8% Ti with small additions of silicon, manganese, niobium, and other metals which improve the properties are claimed, a preferred composition being C, 0.2% Ti, 0.5% Si, 0.5% Mn, and 0.5% Cr. The steel is produced by decarburizing a bath containing more than 0.1% C by the addition of carbon-free silicides of ferromanganese, ferrochromium, or ferromanganese having such a carbon content that 0.1% C remains in the bath; the requisite titanium is added as carbon-free ferrotitanium.

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To produce homogeneous titanium steel, briquetted or pulverized titanium thermic in a ladle, and upon this mixture molten deoxidized decarbonized steel is discharged from a second ladle. The steel to be alloyed with titanium is first deoxidized and decarbonized in a relatively large discharge opening, through which this prepared steel is discharged into a second ladle, containing the pulverized or briquetted thermic mixture, which is immediately stirred up violent movement, which causes the titanium separated out in the reaction to be in the molten steel to form a perfectly homogeneous alloy.

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MECKLENBURG, WERNER. Production of titanium dioxide. U. S. Patent 1,758,528, May 13, 1930. Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull., vol. 9, No. 7, July, 1930, p. 686.

(1) A process for preparing a seed suspension which comprises reducing the acidity of a titanic solution to a hydrogen-ion concentration of about 2.5 to 6.0, heating the mixture to 30 to 40° for 30 minutes, and cooling the mixture. (2) A process for the production of titanium dioxide comprises adding a mixture containing titanium hydroxide in aqueous suspension containing a solution of titanium sulphate, and maintaining the mixture at a temperature of about 30 to 40° for 30 minutes. (3) A process for the hydrolysis of titanium sulphate solution which comprises adding a small portion of the solution to reduce the acidity of 2.5 to 6.0 and to precipitate a small amount of titanium hydroxide, heating the mixture to about 80° for 15 to 30 minutes, adding the mixture to a titanium sulphate solution, and maintaining the mixture at a temperature near the boiling point.

MONK, R. H. Production of titanates of alkaline earths. British Patent 655,399, Dec. 17, 1928.

MONK, R. H., and FIRING, L. (The latter asst. to J. Irwin.) Production of alkaline-earth titanates. U. S. Patent 1,760,513, May 27, 1930. Chem. and Ind., vol. 49, No. 52, Dec. 26, 1930, p. 1151.

An aqueous paste of freshly-precipitated titanium hydroxide is treated with an excess of sodium or ammonium to react with any sulphate ions, which are detrimental to the formation of titanates. After washing with water to remove the sulphate, an alkaline-earth carbonate, e. g., barium carbonate, in the form of paste to produce a compound such as $BaTiO_3$. Hydrochloric acid is added to accelerate the reaction and give the product a pure, white color, and the mixture is dried.

OLMER, RALPH M. Titanium oxide. U. S. Patent 1,760,992, June 11, 1930. Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull., vol. 9, No. 7, July, 1930, p. 684.

The residue from a digestion process for recovering the aluminum content of bauxite is concentrated to separate iron oxide, TiO_2 is magnetically separated from the ferrotitanium oxide, and the ferrotitanium oxide and iron oxide are magnetically separated from each other.

ROSE, MALCOLM N. (to Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.) Separation of cerium, titanium, and hafnium. Canadian Patent 301,654, July 1, 1930. Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull., vol. 9, No. 7, July, 1930, p. 684.

Titanium, zirconium, and hafnium are extracted from their ores and precipitated as oxides. The metals are then separated according to the solubility of the oxides in acid solutions.

SEAN, L. W. (to Titanium Pigment Co.) Titanium compounds. British Patent 308,725, Mar. 27, 1928. Chem. Abs., vol. 24, 1930, p. 473.

Hydrolytic precipitation of titanium compounds from aqueous solutions containing titanium in the presence of organic acids such as tannic, citric, oxalic, or gallic acids or of HCl, HNO₃, or similar acids. The hydrolysis product may be calcined at $700-1000^\circ$ to obtain a TiO_2 which may contain, e. g., 0.8-1.3 per cent P_2O_5 . Various details of procedure are described.

NETKA, MORITZ. Production of titanic oxide. U. S. Patent 1,760,513, May 27, 1930. Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull., vol. 9, July, 1930, p. 684.

(1) In the process for the hydrolytic precipitation of white titanic acid from sulphuric acid, titanium sulphate and iron sulphate, the step which comprises carrying out the precipitation in the presence of a compound of the group consisting of hydrofluoric acid and water-soluble salts of the same, carrying out the precipitation in the presence of hydrofluoric acid.

TITANIUM PIGMENT CO. (INC.). Manufacture of titanium oxide. U. S. Patent 1,758,472, Sept. 6, 1927. *Chim. et Ind. (France)*, vol. 24, No. 2, August, 1930, p. 397.

Titanium white is precipitated from solution of sulphates of titanium and iron in presence of hydrofluoric acid or with addition of soluble fluorides in solution.

— **Paints.** British Patent 329,333, Nov. 12, 1928. *Chem. Abs.*, vol. 24, No. 21, Nov. 10, 1930, p. 5516.

An oil paint is formed comprising a pigment of Ti compounds such as the oxide, a vehicle composed mainly of a drying oil such as linseed oil and a small proportion of cellulose nitrate which may be dissolved in BuOAc or like solvent. Usual driers and an extender base such as BaSO₄ may be added. Details of manufacture are given. *Cf. C. A. 24, 1527.*

— **Titanium compounds.** French Patent 672,002, Mar. 25, 1929. *Jour. Am. Ceram. Soc., Abs. Bull.*, vol. 9, No. 8, August, 1930, p. 681.

Ti compounds are precipitated in a very fine state by adding organic acids, e. g., oxalic acid, to a solution containing Ti and an inorganic acid, such as H₂SO₄, at a temperature of about 90°. French Pat. 672,003 describes a similar process in which a mixture of an organic acid and phosphoric acid or a compound thereof are added to the solution.

URBAIN, E. Process for the simultaneous preparation of calcium titanate and ferrophosphorus. French Patent 684,889, Feb. 13, 1929. *Metals and Alloys*, vol. 1, No. 13, July, 1930, p. 640.

VON BICHOWSKY, F. Production of titanium (di) oxide. U. S. Patent 1,742,674, Jan. 7, 1930. *Chem. and Ind. (London)*, vol. 49, No. 19, May 9, 1930, p. 418.

Titanium nitride prepared as previously described (*cf. U. S. Patent 1,408,661*) is treated with dilute nitric acid: 5TiN₂·8HNO₃·10TiO₂·4H₂O·9N₂. Alternatively, the nitride may be heated with concentrated sulphuric acid containing a metal (sodium) nitrate or nitric acid; the cooled solution is then poured into cold water, when all the titanium enters solution as sulphate and is precipitated as pure oxide on boiling. Any iron present must be kept in solution by having hydrochloric acid, chlorine, or sulphuric acid present. The oxide obtained is finely divided and suitable for pigments. A method of directly obtaining a titanium barytes paint base is described.

WADE, H. (from Titanium Pigment Co. (Inc.)). Titanium paints. British Patent 329,333, Nov. 12, 1928. *Chem. and Ind.*, vol. 49, Aug. 22, 1930, p. 779.

Paints comprising titanium pigments, a vehicle consisting principally of a drying oil, and a small proportion (e. g., 5 per cent of the weight of the paint) of cellulose nitrate as hardening agent are claimed.

WILLETTTS, PAUL G. Refractory for molten glass. Canadian Patent 301,903, July 8, 1930. *Chem. Abs.*, vol. 24, 1930, p. 4370.

A refractory for use in contact with molten glass. The composition is as follows, aluminum oxide 35.23 per cent, silica 62.54 per cent, titanium oxide 1.37 per cent, iron oxide, 0.78 per cent, lime 0.04 per cent, magnesia 0.16 per cent, and sodium oxide 0.45 per cent.

MANGANESE AND MANGANIFEROUS

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INTRODUCTION

Before the World War the domestic production was very small compared with the domestic consumption. The average annual output from 1900 to 1914, inclusive, was 100,000 tons; imports during the same period averaged 100,000 tons. At the time of the World War the requirements in the United States expanded, and some of the imported ore was seriously menaced. Domestic production received the impetus of exceptionally high prices and requests for increased output. In 1918 it reached 306,000 tons, which was about 38 per cent of the requirements in the United States during that year. The grade of domestic ore was not, however, as high as from foreign sources, but domestic ores were comparable with higher-grade foreign ores. Pre-war requirements were greatly modified, the manganese content

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Statistics on domestic output prepared by H. W. Davis and
compiled from records of the Bureau of Foreign and
Domestic Trade, both of the Bureau of Mines.

Producers of zinc dust in the United States in 1930

	Location of plant
The Alloys Co.	San Francisco, Calif.
American Smelting & Refining Co.	Sand Springs, Okla.
Federated Metals Corporation	Trenton, N. J.
John Finn Metals Works	San Francisco, Calif.
Grasselli Chemical Co.	Meadowbrook, W. Va.
New Jersey Zinc Co.	Palmerton, Pa.
Superior Zinc Corporation	Philadelphia, Pa.

ZINC PIGMENTS AND SALTS

Zinc oxide, leaded zinc oxide, and lithopone are the principal pigments of zinc, and the chloride and sulphate are the principal salts. These products are manufactured from various zinciferous materials such as ores, metal, and secondary substances. In 1930 the total zinc content of all zinc pigments and salts produced in the United States amounted to 153,955 tons, a decrease of 25 per cent from that in 1929. This was derived from the following sources:

Zinc content of zinc pigments and salts made in the United States, 1929 and 1930, by sources, in short tons

Source	1929	1930
Domestic ore	138,104	104,561
Metal	39,620	27,090
Secondary material	26,795	22,304
	204,519	153,955

¹ Revised figures.

The following table gives the primary zinc content (that is, zinc derived directly from ores) of zinc pigments and salts produced for market in the United States during the past 10 years.

Primary zinc content of zinc pigments and salts made in the United States, 1921-1930, in short tons ¹

Year	Pigments	Salts	Year	Pigments	Salts
1921	53,480	3,749	1926	127,685	3,221
1922	93,112	1,801	1927	121,899	1,562
1923	115,970	1,573	1928	123,964	1,804
1924	108,282	1,075	1929	137,147	1,957
1925	110,554	1,010	1930	103,298	1,283

¹ Includes some zinc derived from primary drosses from zinc-reduction plants.

² Revised figures.

The use of zinc ore, metallic zinc, and secondary material in the manufacture of pigments and salts decreased 24, 32, and 17 per cent respectively, in 1930.

Ore was used in the manufacture of the following pigments and salts in 1930, the percentages representing the proportion of the total recoverable zinc content of the ore used in each product:

	Per cent
American process zinc oxide	68
Lithopone	20
Leaded zinc oxide	11
Zinc salts	1

The metallic zinc was practically all produced by the French process zinc oxide.

The secondary zinc was distributed as follows:

Lithopone	.....
Zinc salts	.....
Zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide	.....

Further details of the production of zinc pigments and salts are given in the Mineral Resources of the United States and Salts.

SECONDARY ZINC

Secondary zinc production as shown in the accompanying table includes zinc recovered from industrial waste, zinc recovered in the same plant in which it was produced, and zinc recovered from the Bureau of Mines, shows the quantity of secondary zinc in the United States as metal and zinc salts, 1927 to 1930.

Secondary zinc recovered in the United States, 1927 to 1930

Secondary zinc, redistilled	.....
Secondary zinc, remelted	.....
Total secondary zinc recovered unalloyed	.....
Recovered zinc in alloys, excluding old brass remelted	.....
Recovered zinc in remelted brass (estimated)	.....
Total secondary zinc recovered as metal	.....
Secondary zinc recovered in zinc dust	.....
Secondary zinc recovered in pigments	.....
Secondary zinc recovered in zinc salts	.....
Total secondary zinc recovered	.....

¹ Includes 22 tons of secondary electrolytic zinc.

The recovery of secondary zinc has been the lowest output since 1921, while the total output has increased 20 per cent.

Secondary zinc recovered in the United States, 1927 to 1930, shows a decrease of 26 per cent, due to decreases of 26 per cent in remelted zinc, 34 per cent in remelted brass, and 36 per cent in remelted brass and salts decreased 16 per cent.

Since 1910, the first year for which statistics are available, the production of secondary zinc has shown a steady decline. The production of primary zinc has shown a steady increase. There has been little change in the ratio of secondary zinc to total zinc. From 1910 to 1914 the recovery of secondary zinc was 23 per cent of the total zinc, and during the past seven years it has been 20 per cent. In 1930 the ratio was 20 per cent. The recovery of secondary zinc was 43 per cent; that for lead was 43 per cent; that for copper was 43 per cent; that for zinc was 43 per cent. The advantageous position of zinc is apparent.

LEAD¹

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GENERAL SUMMARY

Salient figures of the lead industry in the United States, 1929

Production of refined primary lead:	
From domestic ores.....	short tons..
From foreign ores and base bullion.....	do.....
Recovery of secondary lead:	
As pig lead.....	do.....
In alloys.....	do.....
Total production of pig lead (primary and secondary).....	do.....
Imports (general):	
Lead in base bullion.....	do.....
Lead in ore.....	do.....
Exports of refined pig lead.....	do.....
Refined primary lead available for consumption.....	do.....
Estimated consumption of primary and secondary lead.....	do.....
Prices per pound of refined lead at New York:	
Highest monthly average.....	cents..
Lowest monthly average.....	do.....
Average for year.....	do.....
Quotation at end of year.....	do.....
Mine production of recoverable lead.....	short tons..
Southeastern Missouri district.....	per cent of total..
Utah.....	do.....
Coeur d'Alene region.....	do.....
Joplin (tri-State) region.....	do.....
All other.....	do.....

¹ Exclusive of the output from Virginia, figures for which the Bureau of Mines is not responsible.

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The statistics in this report were prepared (unless otherwise indicated) by H. M. A. Dorsey, both of the Bureau of Mines.

Salient figures of the lead industry in the United States, 1929 and 1930—Continued

	1929	1930
World smelter production of lead.....short tons.....	1,961,000	1,834,000
United States.....per cent of total.....	30	25
Mexico.....do.....	13	10
Australia.....do.....	10	8
Canada.....do.....	8	8
Spain.....do.....	8	8
All other.....do.....	25	25

Conditions in the lead industry throughout the world were far from satisfactory during 1930. The general industrial depression caused a marked decline in lead consumption with which producers failed to keep pace, so that there was a large increase in stocks and a resultant decline in prices.

In the United States the production of refined primary lead from domestic ores decreased 15 per cent in 1930 and that from foreign ores and base bullion decreased 32 per cent, making a decrease of 17 per cent in the total refined primary lead produced. Monthly production varied considerably but declined toward the end of the year, the average for the last 6 months being 11 per cent under the average for the first 6 months. The highest monthly output occurred in March and the lowest in November.

The New York quotation declined from a high of 6.25 cents per pound on January 2 to a low of 5.10 cents on December 31. The average for the year was 5.52 cents, a decrease of 19 per cent from the 1929 average of 6.83 cents and 39 per cent under the record 1925 price. The quotation was unchanged from the first of the year until the last few days in February. Thereafter a downward trend began, which continued with few interruptions until July when the price was stabilized for a time at 5.25 cents. In August and September there was a hurry upward due to some increase in demand, but early in October the price fell to 5.10 cents, where it remained for the rest of the year.

The recovery of secondary lead in pig lead and alloys declined 11 per cent in 1929 and was the lowest on record since 1925; it was equivalent to 45 per cent of the primary lead produced from domestic ores.

The consumption of lead in the United States in 1930, as estimated by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, declined 21 per cent and was the lowest recorded since 1922. Consumption in the three major uses declined; storage batteries used 22 per cent less lead in 1930 than in 1929, cable covering 5 per cent less, and white lead 30 per cent less as a result of the marked decline in the use of lead in storage batteries. Cable coverings ranked first in lead consumption in 1930. The quantity of lead used in the manufacture of white lead in 1930 was only 54 per cent of that used in the record year 1922.

Mine production of lead decreased 14 per cent in 1930. There were large decreases in the principal lead-producing States of the West and in the tri-State (Joplin) area, but the southeastern Missouri district increased its production slightly. Production in Idaho and Utah, which ranked second and third to Missouri, decreased 10 and 23 per cent, respectively. Nevada, Missouri, California, and New York showed noteworthy increases in production; New York reported lead production for the first time in more than a decade.

General imports of lead in base bullion decreased 53 per cent as a result of a 68 per cent decrease in shipments from Mexico and a 50 per cent decrease in shipments from Peru. Receipts of lead in concentrates increased 26 per cent; Canada's shipments increased 3 per cent, whereas Mexico's decreased 30 per cent. Exports of refined lead declined from 73,251 tons in 1929 to 48,307 tons in 1930, the fact that much of the Mexican base bullion formerly refined and exported from the United States is now being refined in Mexico being reported from there directly.

World smelter production of lead in 1930 amounted to 1,834,000 short tons, a decrease of 7 per cent from 1929. Lead smelted in the United States decreased 13 per cent, whereas foreign production decreased only 3 per cent.

The lead output of the principal foreign lead-producing countries changed as follows: Mexico declined 6 per cent, Australia declined 10 per cent, Canada increased slightly, Spain decreased 14 per cent, Germany increased 13 per cent, India declined slightly, and Belgium declined slightly. These 7 countries and the United States produced nearly 90 per cent of the world's lead.

The London price of lead in 1930 averaged £18.075 per long ton, or 92 cents per pound, 22 per cent below the 1929 average and the lowest yearly average in pounds sterling since 1912. The London average in 1930 was 1.60 cents per pound below the New York average compared with 1.79 cents in 1929.

The members of the European lead cartel, known as the Lead Producers' Reporting Association, were unable to agree in 1930 on a production-curtailment program to offset the decline in consumption and the resultant increase in stocks and decline in price. By May 31, however, the situation had become so acute, by reason of the pronounced decline in price during the early part of 1931, that a 10 per cent curtailment program was agreed upon to become effective May 1. In July, it was reported that curtailment was to be increased to 20 per cent. The association maintains a statistical office in London.

Development and construction continued on a large scale at the mines in Queensland, and production of lead bullion began in June 1930. Development at the Rosebery mine, Tasmania, and at Captain's mine, New South Wales, was stopped owing to unfavorable market conditions. In British Columbia the principal developments in 1930 were the increased production at the Sullivan mine and the start of operations at the Monarch mine. The latter and virtually all the small mines in the Province were closed down by the end of the year owing to low metal prices. At the Buchans mine, Newfoundland, production was maintained at the rate of about 500 tons of ore per day and the mill capacity was being increased to 1,000 tons per day. Production at the Stantrig mine, Yugoslavia, began in August 1930 and by the end of the year 700 tons of ore per day were being treated. No extensive discovery of lead ore was reported in the United States in 1930.

PRODUCTION

GENERAL

Pig lead produced in the United States for domestic market and export is derived from three main sources—domestic ore, foreign ore, and base bullion, and secondary materials.

The following table shows the quantity of pig lead produced from each of these sources from 1921 to 1930.

Pig lead produced in the United States, 1921-1930, in short tons

Year	From domestic ores and base bullion	From foreign ores and base bullion	From secondary materials	Total
1921.....	398,222	50,367	46,370	494,959
1922.....	468,746	63,916	76,480	609,142
1923.....	543,841	74,481	96,430	714,752
1924.....	566,407	124,086	90,400	780,893
1925.....	654,921	112,048	112,420	879,389
1926.....	680,685	118,256	125,000	923,941
1927.....	668,320	128,210	119,000	915,530
1928.....	626,202	154,869	138,000	919,071
1929.....	672,498	102,135	138,500	913,133
1930.....	673,740	69,293	129,000	772,033

The total production of pig lead in the United States in 1930 decreased 141,100 tons, or 15 per cent. Production from domestic ores and base bullion decreased 15 per cent, and that from foreign ore and base bullion decreased 32 per cent. Production of pig lead from secondary materials decreased 7 per cent.

PRIMARY LEAD

REFINERY PRODUCTION

Pig lead is classified by the Bureau of Mines as primary or secondary, according to whether it is derived directly from the smelting of ores and from base bullion or is reclaimed from junk and industrial lead scrap. Some plants that ordinarily smelt ore frequently add lead scrap to the charge, so that the resulting product is an inseparable mixture of lead from both sources and is all marketed as refined pig lead. Nevertheless, the smelter calculates the quantity of secondary lead so produced, thus enabling the Bureau of Mines to obtain a consecutive record of the amount of primary lead being supplied to the trade each year.

Primary lead may be produced from domestic ore or foreign ore and from base bullion. The smelting of lead-bearing ores from the Western States yields an impure pig lead (base bullion) that contains valuable amounts of silver and gold, in addition to objectionable impurities such as copper, arsenic, and antimony. This base bullion is given further treatment for the removal of the impurities and finally emerges for the market as refined pig lead. The smelting of lead-bearing ores from the Mississippi Valley and Southern States yields soft lead pure enough for marketing, but some of it is desilverized and is designated in this report as desilverized soft lead. Foreign ore is first smelted into base bullion and then refined for market. Foreign base bullion imported into the United States is also refined before marketing. All these products for market are referred to as refined lead.

The following table gives a summary of the refined primary lead produced in the United States from 1921 to 1930.

Refined primary lead produced in the United States, 1920-1930

Year	Short tons						Average price per pound
	Desilverized lead ¹	Desilverized soft lead	Soft lead ²	Total production ¹	From domestic ores and base bullion	From foreign ores and base bullion	
1920-1912.....	7,170,497	320,991	2,920,180	10,411,668	8,545,383	1,866,285	.....
1913.....	301,160	20,433	131,887	453,480	411,878	41,602	\$0.04
1914.....	340,307	43,500	168,219	552,026	512,704	39,322	0.03
1915.....	344,503	44,001	161,461	550,005	507,026	42,979	0.04
1916.....	335,376	68,244	167,515	571,135	562,228	8,907	0.06
1917.....	365,998	50,268	188,503	604,769	548,460	56,309	0.08
1918.....	382,314	47,418	210,469	640,195	539,905	100,290	0.07
1919.....	260,538	67,038	147,744	475,320	424,433	50,887	0.05
1920.....	273,135	66,668	189,864	529,667	476,849	52,818	0.04
1921.....	238,329	52,747	167,613	448,689	398,222	50,467	0.04
1922.....	249,107	74,305	209,250	532,662	468,746	63,916	0.05
1923.....	366,241	61,332	190,749	618,322	543,841	74,481	0.07
1924.....	423,429	63,449	203,615	690,493	566,407	124,086	0.08
1925.....	457,477	48,932	260,560	766,969	654,921	112,048	0.08
1926.....	484,669	55,707	268,556	798,941	680,685	118,256	0.08
1927.....	507,099	55,487	239,944	796,530	668,320	128,210	0.08
1928.....	500,603	49,465	225,003	775,071	626,202	148,869	0.08
1929.....	483,622	56,666	235,345	775,633	672,498	103,135	0.08
1930.....	398,094	45,678	201,361	645,133	573,740	71,393	0.06
	13,896,677	1,313,135	6,460,711	21,670,523	18,372,528	3,298,005	.....

¹ The lead content of antimonial lead is excluded (see p. 487).
² Corrected figures.

³ Desilverized soft lead

The total production of refined primary lead in the United States in 1930 was 17 per cent less than that in 1929 and less than any year since 1923. The total value of the output in 1930 was 1 per cent less than that in 1929 because of decreases in both price and average price. The value of the output in 1930 was one-half that in the record year 1925.

Outstanding features in the production of primary lead in the United States in 1930 were the increased output from foreign ores, the sharp decrease in production from foreign base bullion, the decrease in production from domestic ores. Lead smelted from foreign ores increased 16 per cent in 1930 and was equivalent to 11 per cent of the total primary output; that produced from base bullion decreased 52 per cent and amounted to only 1 per cent more than 5 per cent of the total as compared with 9 per cent in 1929. The total lead derived from foreign primary materials was 11 per cent of the total in 1930, as compared with 20 per cent in 1929 and 20 per cent in 1928. The production of refined lead from domestic ores decreased 15 per cent in 1930 and was that recorded for any year since 1924.

The following table shows the quantity and value of refined primary lead produced in the United States from domestic ores from 1921 to 1930.

Refined lead produced in the United States from domestic ores, 1921-1930

Year	Short tons	Value	Year	Short tons
1921.....	398,222	\$35,840,000	1926.....	680,685
1922.....	468,746	61,862,000	1927.....	668,320
1923.....	543,841	76,128,000	1928.....	626,202
1924.....	566,407	90,625,000	1929.....	672,498
1925.....	654,921	113,956,000	1930.....	573,740

GEOGRAPHICAL SOURCE OF LEAD RAW MATERIALS SMELTED OR REFINED IN THE UNITED STATES

The following table shows the source of the ore and foreign base bullion from which refined lead was produced in the United States from 1921 to 1930. A large part of the base bullion produced in the Western States is shipped to the Mississippi Valley and Eastern States for refining. In reporting the production of lead by sources most of the refiners make the distribution on the basis of base bullion, so that the total lead given in this table as from domestic ore includes both base bullion and refined lead and thus contains a large part of the antimonial lead produced from domestic ores. The domestic total given here for 1930 exceeds the total production of refined lead from domestic ores, as shown in the preceding table, by 6,278 tons. The production of antimonial lead from domestic ores in 1930 amounted to 8,918 tons.

Primary lead smelted or refined in the United States, 1921-1930, by sources, in short tons

Source of ore	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Domestic ore:										
Alaska.....	773	324	400	582	699	1,018	1,010	962	1,266	1,320
Arizona.....	3,313	7,218	8,828	9,372	10,281	10,646	7,918	8,144	8,153	4,228
Arkansas.....										
California.....	614	3,018	5,168	2,306	4,148	4,044	1,232	637	1,469	1,842
Colorado.....	12,104	11,108	23,885	25,491	31,855	37,553	37,040	28,683	23,076	28,091
Idaho.....	99,707	91,487	127,797	123,709	123,303	132,564	150,618	141,748	147,695	135,411
Illinois.....	271	750	1,288	1,089	474	357	225	308	777	268
Kansas.....	10,939	10,900	20,207	12,895	15,001	20,894	25,423	27,014	26,104	13,108
Kentucky.....	41	78	65	201	96	27	139	268	303	57
Missouri.....	151,028	202,248	169,323	191,501	208,547	218,083	210,366	192,789	211,345	201,050
Montana.....	11,565	14,551	18,345	21,228	22,008	28,350	23,041	20,470	26,795	16,411
Nevada.....	3,653	4,284	8,044	8,070	10,978	11,379	8,680	6,823	13,256	14,005
New Mexico.....	384	1,230	1,638	2,263	3,782	4,383	8,377	8,469	12,249	11,250
New York.....										
Oklahoma.....	46,902	67,436	59,602	56,017	78,487	70,004	747,857	746,692	745,653	723,500
Oregon.....		37	47			5	79	7	15	
South Dakota.....	2	2		2	2		19	37		
Tennessee.....		751	1,020	985	436	770	102	437	559	2,200
Texas.....	1	5	40	27	31	102	275			
Utah.....	51,872	63,130	104,678	110,318	166,844	151,127	155,199	151,724	157,085	122,511
Virginia.....				1,582	2,170	1,714	2,214	4,944	(¹)	(¹)
Washington.....	225	478	2,008	2,067	2,802	2,262	442	537	447	1,500
Wisconsin.....	1,079	1,323	801	1,973	2,889	2,052	2,067	1,812	1,729	1,800
Undistributed.....	101	75	691	15	2				5,624	7,400
Zinc residues.....	713	1,284	362	1,320	1,541	605	1,905	102	1,903	1,900
	395,287	481,689	554,036	582,000	686,451	695,830	694,165	642,697	685,992	580,000
Foreign ore:										
Africa.....			99	6		6	12	2	5	
Australia.....										
Canada.....	2,877	3,604	3,632	4,633	10,676	5,385	4,138	10,123	9,400	14,000
Central America.....	6	14	18	30	6		18	3	28	
Europe.....	17	519	139	328	470	233	19	67	16,807	14,000
Mexico.....	1,912	7,200	18,807	33,328	31,107	32,603	22,844	14,839	3,285	2,000
South America.....	2,235	2,458	1,461	7,663	4,496	9,893	5,506	1,568	30	1,000
Other foreign.....	73	43	72	307	269				51	
Foreign base bullion:										
Canada.....	1,599	2,900								
Mexico.....	41,648	47,118	50,193	77,701	65,024	70,046	95,841	117,193	51,295	18,000
South America.....								11,044	21,165	10,000
	50,307	50,018	74,481	124,080	112,048	118,256	128,350	154,809	102,135	89,000
Grand total.....	445,654	546,608	628,517	706,080	798,499	814,086	812,545	797,506	788,127	669,000

¹ The lead produced by these States is nonargenteriferous or soft lead. A small quantity of the lead produced from Colorado and New Mexico ores is also nonargenteriferous.
² The smelter output of lead in Kansas and Oklahoma is separated on the basis of mine output as reported by the Bureau of Mines has been unable to obtain an accurate separation of smelter output.
³ Included under "Undistributed." Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

The table shows substantial decreases in lead production in most of the important lead-producing States. Increase was recorded for Alaska, California, Colorado, Nevada, and Wisconsin. Production was reported for Arkansas and New York in 1930 for the first time since 1918. Foreign ore in the United States in 1930 came largely from Mexico, Central America (chiefly Bolivia). Shipments of ore from Japan (originating in Siberia) accounted for the increase shown in "foreign" countries. Production of refined lead in the United States from Mexican base bullion was 64 per cent less in 1929 and 84 per cent less than in 1928; this decline was due to the lack of new refining capacity in Mexico in 1929. Production of refined lead from South American (Peruvian) base bullion decreased 100 per cent.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIG LEAD

The American Society for Testing Materials classifies pig lead into three grades—corroding, chemical, and common. The specifications as to chemical composition are shown in the following table.

Allowable chemical composition of the various grades of pig lead, as specified by the American Society for Testing Materials

	Corroding lead, not over—	Chemical lead ¹
Antimony.....	(²)	(²)
Bismuth.....	(²)	(²)
Copper.....	(²)	(²)
Copper and silver together.....	(²)	(²)
Lead.....	(²)	(²)
Lead and tin together.....	(²)	(²)
Iron.....	(²)	(²)
Manganese.....	(²)	(²)
Phosphorus.....	(²)	(²)
Silicon.....	(²)	(²)
Sulfur.....	(²)	(²)
Tin.....	(²)	(²)
Zinc.....	(²)	(²)
By difference.....	99.9300	(²)

¹ The maximum limits for bismuth, copper, and silver have been given, but it is assumed that the maximum of all three will be attained.
² Chemical lead is a designation that has been used for many years in the trade for refined lead produced from southeastern Missouri ores.
³ Not given.
⁴ Less than 0.005 per cent.
⁵ Not specified.

SOFT LEAD

Soft pig lead is smelted from nonargenteriferous lead ores, most of which are produced in the Mississippi Valley. The recoverable lead content of all ores mined in the United States in 1930 was about 559,000 tons, of which 246,000 tons or 44 per cent was contained in nonargenteriferous or soft lead ores. The Missouri district contributed 81 per cent of the total soft lead production. The tri-State district (Joplin) contributed 15 per cent; New York, and Wisconsin contributed most of the remainder.

The production of soft pig lead in 1930 amounted to 200,000 tons, an increase of 15 per cent from that in 1929 and equivalent to 84 per cent of the total production of domestic refined primary lead. Ninety per cent of the soft pig lead produced in 1930 was marketed in the United States.

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izing, and 18 per cent was desilverized. The former, which is in the trade as chemical lead, contains 1 to 4 ounces of silver to and 0.04 to 0.08 per cent copper; it is used chiefly in the manufacture of cable, pipe, and sheets. Desilverized soft lead is used in the manufacture of white lead, where a very pure product is required.

A substantial quantity of high-grade lead concentrates from the Mississippi Valley is used each year in the manufacture of lead pig, principally basic lead sulphate (white sublimed lead) and zinc oxide. In 1930 over 6,600 tons of soft lead were recovered in this manner.

Lead recovered in soft pig lead and lead pigments amounted to 10 per cent of the total domestic primary lead recovered in pig lead, soft lead, and antimonial lead in 1930.

The following table summarizes the production of soft lead from 1921 to 1930.

Produced in the United States from domestic ores, 1922-1930, in short tons

Year	Soft pig lead			Soft lead recovered in pigments	Total soft lead	Total domestic lead ¹	Soft lead percent- age of domestic lead
	Undesilverized	Desilverized	Total				
1921	209,250	74,305	283,555	13,892	297,447	488,448	61
1922	190,740	61,332	252,081	13,612	265,693	507,247	52
1923	203,615	63,449	267,064	15,338	282,402	593,480	48
1924	260,660	48,932	309,592	17,547	327,039	684,968	48
1925	258,665	55,707	314,372	13,685	327,957	710,990	46
1926	233,944	55,487	289,431	13,136	302,567	698,500	43
1927	228,003	49,406	277,409	10,405	287,814	652,492	44
1928	235,345	55,660	291,011	9,429	300,440	696,678	43
1929	201,361	45,578	246,939	6,686	253,625	588,042	43

¹ Domestic refined lead, domestic lead in antimonial lead, and domestic lead in pigments.

ANTIMONIAL LEAD

Antimonial lead is an important by-product of the refining of base metal. In 1930, 13,711 tons of primary antimonial lead were produced, a decrease of 47 per cent from the 1929 output and equivalent to 10 per cent of the total refined lead produced from base bullion.

The decreased importation of base bullion from Mexico had a marked effect upon the production of primary antimonial lead. In 1929, 8,600 tons were produced from the smelting and refining of foreign ores and base bullion, whereas in 1930 only 4,800 tons were produced from the same source. Foreign ores also yield a higher percentage of antimonial lead. The production of antimonial lead from foreign ores was equivalent to 8.4 per cent of the refined lead produced from those ores in 1929 and to 6.9 per cent in 1930, while the yield from domestic ores was 4.5 and 2.7 per cent, respectively.

The principal uses of antimonial lead are in the manufacture of storage batteries, bearing metal, and type metal. The consumption of antimonial lead in storage batteries decreased about 14 per cent in 1930.

The following table shows the production of primary antimonial lead from 1921 to 1930.

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By-product primary antimonial lead produced in the United States, 1922-1930

Year	Total lead refined from base bullion (short tons)	By-product antimonial lead (percent- age of total)	Antimonial lead					
			From domestic ore (short tons)	From foreign ore (short tons)	Total			
					Short tons	Value	Antimony content	
							Short tons	Percent- age
1921	238,329	4.2	7,881	2,183	10,064	\$870,059	1,589	15.8
1922	249,107	3.2	7,988	1,007	8,995	844,993	1,441	17.8
1923	366,241	3.9	11,636	2,556	14,190	1,950,370	2,170	15.3
1924	423,429	4.9	13,593	7,194	20,787	3,376,713	2,763	13.3
1925	457,477	4.3	14,472	5,195	19,667	3,785,547	2,624	13.3
1926	484,669	4.6	18,000	3,616	22,524	3,616,714	2,693	12.0
1927	507,090	4.8	16,040	8,307	24,347	3,277,043	2,736	11.2
1928	606,603	6.5	17,930	15,128	33,058	3,978,318	3,432	10.4
1929	483,622	5.3	17,062	8,607	25,669	3,267,095	3,052	11.9
1930	396,094	3.5	8,918	4,793	13,711	1,392,624	1,686	12.3
Average		4.7						12.6

SECONDARY LEAD

Much of the lead consumed in the United States is used in the manufacture of articles from which there is a large return of secondary metal. This is particularly true of the storage-battery industry, which is a leading consumer of lead and in which there is a rapid return of secondary metal. This industry is responsible for much of the increase in the ratio of secondary lead produced to domestic primary lead production. In 1914 the secondary lead was equivalent to only 12 per cent of the primary output from domestic ores; in 1930 the ratio was 45 per cent, a decrease from 46 per cent in 1929. Other important lead-consuming industries in which there is a large return of secondary metal include cable manufacture, engineering, bearing-metal manufacture, and type-metal manufacture. The quantity of secondary lead recovered in 1930 was approximately divided between that recovered as pig lead and that recovered in the form of alloys.

The following tables show the recovery of secondary lead as compared to the refined primary lead produced in the United States from domestic ores. Further details of the secondary lead industry may be found in the Mineral Resources chapter on Secondary Metals.

Secondary lead recovered in the United States, 1922-1930¹

Year	Pig lead (short tons)	Lead in alloys (short tons)	Total recovered	
			Short tons	Value
1921	75,480	84,080	159,560	\$1,000,000
1922	96,430	98,080	194,510	1,040,000
1923	90,400	114,100	204,500	1,100,000
1924	112,420	114,460	226,880	1,200,000
1925	126,000	152,300	278,300	1,300,000
1926	119,000	167,000	286,000	1,400,000
1927	138,000	170,800	308,800	1,500,000
1928	133,600	172,500	306,100	1,600,000
1929	129,000	126,800	255,800	1,300,000

¹ Compiled by J. P. Dunlop, of the Bureau of Mines.

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of secondary lead recovered to refined primary lead produced in the United States from domestic ores, 1913-1930

Year	Refined primary lead		Secondary lead	
	Short tons	Average price per pound (cents)	Short tons	Ratio to refined primary lead (per cent)
1913	411,878	4.4	72,834	18
1914	612,794	3.9	61,062	10
1915	507,020	4.7	78,900	16
1916	552,228	6.0	98,300	18
1917	548,460	8.6	93,800	17
1918	630,905	7.1	97,100	15
1919	424,433	5.3	122,100	29
1920	476,840	8.0	124,660	26
1921	398,222	4.5	103,780	26
1922	408,746	5.5	189,590	46
1923	643,841	7.0	194,490	30
1924	596,407	8.0	204,800	34
1925	654,921	8.7	226,880	35
1926	680,685	8.0	277,300	41
1927	608,320	6.3	278,000	46
1928	620,202	5.8	308,600	50
1929	672,498	6.3	311,000	46
1930	673,740	5.0	266,800	40

PIGMENTS

Lead pigments manufactured in 1930 contained 197,557 tons of lead derived from the sources shown in the following table. Refined lead is used in the manufacture of white lead, litharge, red lead, sublimed lead, and orange mineral. In 1930 about 190,000 tons of the lead contained in lead pigments were derived from refined pig lead; the lead accounted for 45.9 per cent; litharge, 35.5 per cent; red lead, 16 per cent; and sublimed lead and orange mineral, 2.6 per cent. Sublimed lead and leaded zinc oxide are the principal pigments in which the lead content is derived from ores. Further details of the production and value of lead pigments in the United States are given in the Mineral Resources chapter on Lead and Lead Pigments and Salts.

Lead in pigments,¹ 1922-1930, by sources, in short tons

Year	Lead in pigments from—				
	Domestic ore	Foreign ore	Metal	Scrap	Total
1922	13,802	—	241,008	111	254,921
1923	13,612	—	236,841	—	250,453
1924	16,338	646	280,930	—	297,914
1925	17,647	—	256,064	—	273,711
1926	13,685	—	249,902	1,028	264,515
1927	13,138	—	242,713	1,346	257,197
1928	10,465	—	242,914	664	254,043
1929	9,420	—	248,667	2,427	260,514
1930	6,686	—	190,182	689	197,557

¹Includes also lead recovered in zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxide.

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MINE PRODUCTION

BY STATES

The following table shows the mine production of recoverable lead by States from 1921 to 1930.

Mine production of recoverable lead, 1921-1930, by States, in short tons

State	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Alaska	769	377	410	631	780	778	1,008	1,019
Arizona	3,271	7,536	8,146	9,321	11,938	11,629	9,933	7,190
Arkansas	21	42	25	20	58	18	23	38
California	562	3,166	4,776	2,382	3,288	4,047	1,369	946
Colorado	9,830	11,739	22,849	23,779	31,483	34,494	33,386	26,761
Georgia	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	99,236	97,917	121,178	124,476	126,621	136,490	161,019	148,323
Illinois	672	1,325	1,381	1,464	1,001	655	277	385
Kansas	18,679	23,271	17,698	18,560	22,776	28,463	27,467	25,276
Kentucky	69	92	63	176	162	68	139	39
Massachusetts	—	—	—	(¹)	—	—	—	—
Missouri	180,085	178,412	169,743	189,629	211,596	207,012	198,760	196,368
Montana	10,183	14,884	17,978	19,738	18,766	21,163	17,949	16,880
Nevada	3,594	4,605	9,078	10,030	12,288	11,184	7,892	7,874
New Mexico	339	1,806	1,916	1,817	3,210	3,480	8,026	7,806
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma	41,562	62,856	66,904	71,368	79,946	69,704	61,680	43,687
Oregon	—	38	14	(¹)	3	6	8	7
South Dakota	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	—	732	1,250	937	448	800	—	37
Texas	—	—	13	—	8	42	244	348
Utah	44,594	67,666	101,724	116,955	153,336	147,635	161,285	145,915
Virginia	—	—	—	1,275	2,220	2,460	2,393	(¹)
Washington	72	691	1,483	1,968	2,814	2,273	478	642
Wisconsin	972	691	734	1,264	1,877	1,546	2,069	1,698
Undistributed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	414,491	477,633	547,217	590,068	684,439	683,917	665,489	627,163

¹It is said that a few tons of lead ore were mined at the old Chipman mine in Massachusetts. Small smelter owned by the mine operators.

²Included under "Undistributed." Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

³113 pounds.

⁴Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

⁵Exclusive of the output from Virginia, figures for which the Bureau of Mines is not at liberty to publish.

Mine production decreased 14 per cent in 1930. There were decreases in the principal lead-producing States of the West—the tri-State (Joplin) area. Missouri again ranked first in production, having contributed 36 per cent of the total; its output was higher in 1930 than in 1929, due to increased production in the Eastern Missouri district. Idaho and Utah ranked second in production in 1930 and showed decreases of 10 and 23 per cent, respectively. Percentage decreases in other important lead-producing States were: Oklahoma, 50 per cent; Colorado, 9 per cent; New Mexico, 46 per cent; New Mexico, 7 per cent; Arizona, 47 per cent. Noteworthy increases were recorded in Missouri, California, and New York; New York reported production for the first time in more than a decade.

Detailed information concerning the mining activities in the districts of the United States can be found in the chapters of the Mineral Resources dealing with the mine production of gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc in the various States.

BY DISTRICTS

The following table gives the lead production in the principal lead-producing districts.

Mine production of recoverable lead in the principal lead-producing districts of the United States, 1922-1930, in short tons

District	State	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Southeastern Missouri region.	Missouri	178,768	107,468	187,737	208,915	203,002	190,261	194,270	197,435	198,600
Coeur d'Alene region.	Idaho	91,216	114,426	118,327	120,866	128,834	141,948	139,276	141,568	129,811
Bingham.	Utah	19,348	25,363	34,786	64,982	54,997	55,508	52,375	49,447	42,880
Joplin region.	Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma.	87,771	86,787	92,110	105,372	102,117	81,689	70,086	74,143	86,970
Park City region.	Utah	16,129	28,220	33,346	40,686	35,910	41,403	41,427	42,570	30,500
Tintic.	Idaho	23,646	35,909	40,074	45,889	47,108	45,046	44,090	44,113	29,174
San Juan Mountains.	Colorado	8,332	13,167	13,148	17,092	19,237	21,739	18,556	17,886	11,700
Rush Valley.	Utah	588	1,284	928	2,465	5,022	7,346	7,222	11,751	10,100
Leadville.	Colorado	2,742	2,804	4,795	6,931	9,286	6,781	5,168	5,172	6,500
Willow Creek.	New Mexico						4,253	5,193	5,720	5,400
Pioche.	Nevada	932	2,697	2,152	2,806	2,420	639	1,167	2,986	4,800
Barker.	Montana	971	846	1,272	1,420	1,387	412	264	6,137	4,800
Central.	New Mexico	176	656	692	1,182	1,806	964	1,180	3,766	8,000
Tybo.	Nevada								1,991	2,800
Eagle County.	Colorado	181	230	1,145	1,401	1,205	2,059	750	1,998	2,800
Butte.	Montana	10,070	12,745	13,648	12,091	13,678	12,769	12,330	8,239	2,500
San Francisco.	Utah	1,119	1,439	1,069	1,999	1,325	420	192	691	1,500
Warm Springs.	Idaho	1,788	925	367	355	149	478	1,307	1,507	1,700
Inyo County.	California	3,135	4,744	2,306	3,098	3,278	1,081	872	670	1,700
Upper Mississippi Valley.	Iowa, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin.	1,269	948	1,639	2,355	1,819	2,141	1,706	1,636	1,700
Jack Rabbit.	Nevada	791	536	120	224	578	1,266	2,561	2,430	1,700
Eagle.	Montana									1,700
Pend d'Oreille.	Idaho	238	304	67	113	481	1,048	694	863	1,700
Banner.	Arizona	2,140	1,731	160	49	7	13	490	2,938	1,700
Dome.	Idaho			276	802	246	1,182	1,074	1,870	1,700
Yellow Pine.	Nevada	188	736	3,855	2,044	952	820	1,105	535	1,700
Magdalena.	New Mexico	492	763	818	1,217	700	819	496	481	1,700
Aspen.	Colorado	1,778	1,486	456	1,820	1,632	1,203	806	710	1,700
Kentucky-Southern Illinois.	Kentucky-Illinois	849	1,220	1,254	675	440	344	416	730	1,700
Northport.	Washington	534	1,002	1,232	2,218	1,984	325	503	76	1,700
Spruce Mountain.	Nevada	237	261	608	647	1,099	636	529	388	1,700
Eureka.	Idaho	251	673	888	2,163	2,784	1,132	466	378	1,700
Boulder.	Idaho			(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1,700
Bisbee (Warren).	Arizona	4,187	4,221	5,719	6,657	5,720	5,256	2,917	1,020	1,700
Big and Little Cottonwood.	Utah	2,764	3,831	3,128	2,374	1,597	1,009	146	173	1,700
Cedar Plains.	Montana	23	274	230	178	346	373	657	1,177	1,700
Vulture.	Arizona	3	4	26	133	133	133	1,291	777	1,700
Texas.	Idaho	2,168	2,417	2,197	1,714	2,882	3,895	1,195	182	1,700
Montana.	Montana	775	912	1,241	1,427	2,069	1,866	1,432	493	1,700
Summit County.	Colorado	280	1,946	1,105	1,707	1,481	614	786	869	1,700
Bryant.	Montana	158	968	1,743	1,150	730	398	195	844	1,700
Ophir.	Utah	2,921	3,443	1,414	2,945	217	157	101	25	1,700
Troy.	Montana	1,628	1,069	630	259	231	181	33	49	1,700
Port Hill.	Idaho	1,440	2,116	2,317	1,606	1,697	468	414		1,700
New Placers.	New Mexico			3	125	627	1,190	46		1,700
Mammoth.	Nevada	5	2	21	331	385	1,196	21		1,700
Bel.	Idaho	612	1,160		126	455	143			1,700
Austinville.	Virginia			1,275	782	1,582	2,393	(1)	(1)	1,700
Embee.	Tennessee	732	1,250	937	448	800				1,700
Oro Blanco.	Arizona				4					1,700
St. Lawrence County.	New York									1,700

¹ Bureau of Mines not at liberty to publish figures.

² Not listed according to rank.

LEAD BALANCE SHEET OF THE UNITED STATES

Most of the lead ore mined in the United States is of a high lead content and emerges in marketable form as primary lead and antimonial lead. Some of the ore is used in the manufacture of pigments and some may be exported, but for the most part the amount exported has been negligible. The total production of lead in the various products in which it is produced is compared in the following table with the estimates of the mine production of the entire country was determined by independent producers and consumers of lead-bearing ore, the table is based on the accuracy of the figures.

Comparison of mine production of lead and primary domestic lead products manufactured in the United States, 1907-1930

Year	Mine production	Primary lead accounted for by		
		Refined lead	Antimonial lead	Pigments made from ore
1907-1918	5,653,706	5,249,081	124,168	121,756
1919	429,589	424,433	8,339	11,179
1920	496,814	476,849	8,032	15,212
1921	414,491	398,222	6,675	9,989
1922	477,633	468,746	6,810	13,892
1923	547,217	543,841	9,794	13,612
1924	596,068	566,407	11,741	15,338
1925	684,439	654,921	12,500	17,647
1926	683,917	680,685	16,620	13,684
1927	665,489	668,320	14,044	13,136
1928	627,153	628,202	16,825	10,465
1929	647,995	672,498	14,751	9,429
1930	558,313	573,740	7,616	6,686
1919-1930	6,829,118	6,764,864	131,747	150,170
1907-1930	12,482,824	12,003,945	255,915	271,926

Includes 8,325 tons of lead produced from domestic ores smelted outside the country.
Includes 3 tons of lead produced from domestic ores smelted outside the country.
Exclusive of the output from Virginia, figures for which the Bureau of Mines is not at liberty to publish.

The table shows substantial discrepancies for in none of the last 12 years has the discrepancy in the total lead produced. From 1907 to 1918, the mine production exceeded the primary lead accounted for by the various products in which it is produced by 150,000 tons, or less than 3 per cent. From 1919 to 1930, the primary lead content of lead produced by only 57,290 tons, or less than 1 per cent.

LEAD SMELTERS AND REFINERIES

A list of lead smelters and refineries in the United States, Canada and Mexico follows.

UNITED STATES

Arizona: Douglas—Phelps Dodge Corporation. (Smelter.)
 California: Selby—Selby plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Colorado:
 Durango—Durango plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Leadville—Arkansas Valley plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Idaho: Bradley—Bunker Hill & Sullivan Smelter. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Illinois:
 Collinsville—St. Louis Smelting & Refining Works of National Lead Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Federal—Federal plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Indiana:
 East Chicago—International Lead Refining Co.* (Refinery only.)
 East Chicago—U. S. S. Lead Refinery (Inc.)[†] (Refinery only. Betts electrolytic process.)
 Kansas: Galena—Galena plant, Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co. (Smelter.)
 Missouri:
 Granby—American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.[‡] (Smelter.)
 Herculanum—St. Joseph Lead Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Joplin—Eagle-Picher Lead Co. (Smelter.)
 Montana: East Helena—East Helena plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Nebraska: Omaha—Omaha plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 New Jersey:
 Newark—Balbach plant, U. S. Metals Refining Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Perth Amboy—Perth Amboy plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 Oklahoma: St. Louis—Ontario smelter, Eagle-Picher Lead Co. (Smelter.)
 Pennsylvania: Carnegie—Pennsylvania Smelting Co.[§] (Smelter and refinery.)
 Texas: El Paso—El Paso plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Utah:
 International—International Smelting Co.[§] (Smelter.)
 Midvale—United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. (Smelter.)
 Murray—Murray plant, American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)

CANADA

British Columbia: Trail—Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada (Ltd.) (Smelter and refinery. Betts electrolytic process.)
 Ontario: Galletta—Kingdon Mining, Smelting & Manufacturing Co. (Ltd.) (Smelter.)

MEXICO

Chihuahua: Chihuahua—American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter.)
 Coahuila: Torreon—American Metal Co. (Ltd.). (Cia. Metalúrgica de Torreon.) (Smelter.)
 Hidalgo: Zimapan—Cia. Min. y Fundidora de Zimapan. (Smelter.)
 Nuevo Leon:
 Monterrey—American Metal Co. (Ltd.). (Cia. Minera de Peñoles—S. A.) (Smelter and refinery.)
 Monterrey—American Smelting & Refining Co. (Smelter and refinery.)
 San Luis Potosi: San Luis Potosi—American Smelting & Refining Co. (Cia. Minera Asarco.) (Smelter.)
 Sinaloa: Mazatlan—Cia. Mexicana de Minerales.[§] (Smelter.)
 Zacatecas: La Fé—American Metal Co. (Ltd.). (Cia. Minera de Peñoles—S. A.) (Smelter.)

* Subsidiary of Anaconda Copper Mining Co.

[†] Subsidiary of the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.

[‡] Plant idle in 1930.

LEAD

TARIFF

The tariff act of 1930 became effective June 18, 1930. The change in the lead schedules from the 1922 act was in articles or wares not specially provided for, if composed chiefly of lead, but not plated with platinum, gold, or colored with gold lacquer, whether partly or wholly made. The import duty on articles coming under this class was increased from 40 per cent to 45 per cent ad valorem. The table gives the duties on the principal lead items under the tariff act.

Import duties on lead commodities under the tariff act

Para-graph	Item
391	Lead-bearing ores, flue dust, and matte of all kinds. (Duty shall not apply to lead content of copper, gold, or silver ores, or copper mattes unless actually recovered.)
392	Lead bullion or base bullion, lead in pigs and bars, lead dross, reclaimed lead, scrap lead, antimonial lead, antimonial scrap lead, type metal, Babbitt metal, solder, all alloys or combinations of lead not specially provided for.
397	Lead sheets, pipe, glazier's lead, and lead wire.
72	Articles or wares n. s. p. f., if composed wholly or in chief value of lead, but not plated with platinum, gold, or silver, or colored with gold lacquer, whether partly or wholly manufactured.
46	Lead pigments: Litharge..... Orange mineral..... Red lead..... White lead..... All pigments containing lead, dry or in pulp, or ground in or mixed with oil or water, n. s. p. f.
	Lead chemicals: Acetate, white..... Acetate, brown, gray, or yellow..... Nitrate, arsenate and resinates..... All other lead compounds, n. s. p. f.

WORLD ASPECTS

WORLD SMELTER PRODUCTION

The following table shows the world smelter production from 1926 to 1930, so far as statistics are available. The figures are used wherever possible. For countries for which no figures are yet available the figures are taken from the year 1926. The American Bureau of Metal Statistics and other reliable sources in later reports the official statistics will be received.

There is always a possibility of duplication in figures for world production, for some countries send "work lead" to other countries for refining. Furthermore, some countries and antimonial lead are often included in the figures for foreign production, whereas the figures for the United States only refined primary lead that was smelted in this country. The source of the ore; refined lead produced from foreign sources is excluded.

EXPORTS

The chief lead export of the United States is refined pig lead derived from the treatment of foreign ores and base bullion. Exports increased 34 per cent in 1930 owing primarily to a 53 per cent decrease in imports of base bullion. Europe took 58 per cent of the total, Asia 36 per cent, South America 5 per cent, and North America and Africa 1 per cent. Exports to Asia almost equaled those in 1929; the falling off of exports to Europe accounted for most of the total decrease. In Europe the United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, and France were the largest importers; in Asia and South America, Japan and Argentina, respectively, ranked first. Japan took 32 per cent and the United Kingdom 19 per cent of the total United States exports.

Refined pig lead exported from the United States, 1929 and 1930, by destination

Destination	1929		1930	
	Short tons	Value	Short tons	Value
North America:				
Canada.....	141	\$24,622	9	\$1,221
Cuba.....	248	27,890	107	10,842
Mexico.....	83	16,698	40	6,743
Panama.....	52	6,981	91	10,542
Other.....	169	29,107	71	8,571
	693	105,346	318	37,877
South America:				
Argentina.....	699	57,845	934	75,442
Brazil.....	1,538	154,135	874	65,442
Chile.....	989	112,220	224	21,571
Colombia.....	93	13,481	26	3,771
Ecuador.....	33	4,465	(1)	1,221
Peru.....	88	8,693	11	1,221
Uruguay.....	448	43,248	364	30,242
Other.....	64	7,318	10	1,221
	3,852	401,405	2,442	198,571
Europe:				
Belgium.....	896	92,085	576	61,711
Denmark.....	4,322	419,031	5,205	363,142
France.....	2,202	205,009	3,001	239,142
Germany.....	9,745	945,400	823	68,711
Italy.....	103	6,700	532	41,000
Netherlands.....	1,522	149,812	22	2,221
Sweden.....	7,255	708,265	7,567	601,142
United Kingdom.....	23,732	2,295,238	0,167	710,142
Other.....	872	84,945	1,020	79,142
	50,649	4,909,535	27,899	2,202,571
Asia:				
China.....	813	78,439	953	78,142
Japan.....	16,416	1,594,706	15,053	1,293,142
Philippine Islands.....	111	14,417	543	49,142
Other.....	715	74,164	140	11,142
	18,055	1,761,716	17,289	1,432,571
Africa:				
Oceania:				
Australia.....	2	216	358	32,142
French.....	(1)	121	1	1,221
	73,251	7,178,337	48,307	3,904,142

¹ Less than 1 ton.

The following table shows the exports of lead from the United States from 1921 to 1930. Of the lead exported with benefit of drawback in 1930 miscellaneous lead manufactures (principally white lead) accounted for 21.9 per cent, white lead 38.9 per cent, red lead 1.9 per cent, babbitt 2.9 per cent, lead-covered cable 4.8 per cent, shot 2.6 per cent, shot shells 1.9 per cent, and others 6.0 per cent.

Refined lead exported from the United States, 1921-1930

Year	Pigs, bars, and old		Foreign lead exported in manufactures with benefit of drawback (short tons)	Year	Pigs, bars, and old	
	Short tons	Value			Short tons	Value
1921.....	26,024	\$2,402,033	9,269	1926.....	71,936	\$9,605,611
1922.....	38,178	3,781,905	5,677	1927.....	125,267	12,517,211
1923.....	60,785	5,405,743	12,528	1928.....	116,269	10,369,211
1924.....	82,090	10,396,766	15,275	1929.....	73,251	7,178,337
1925.....	103,519	15,695,331	11,699	1930.....	48,307	3,904,142

CONSUMPTION

REFINED PRIMARY PIG LEAD AVAILABLE FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

The manufacturing industry of the United States consumes refined primary pig lead in four main forms; namely, refined primary pig lead, primary pig lead, primary lead in the form of ore, and secondary lead. The following table shows the refined primary pig lead available for consumption from 1925 to 1930.

Refined primary pig lead available for consumption in the United States in short tons

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Stock in bonded warehouse Jan. 1.....	5,045	8,162	10,711	9,464	10,711	11,699
Imports of pigs, bars, and old.....	7,021	11,152	2,467	692	7,021	7,021
Production.....	768,969	798,941	796,530	781,071	779,085	779,085
Withdrawn:						
Exports—						
Pig lead.....	103,519	71,936	125,267	116,269	103,519	103,519
In manufactures, with benefit of drawback.....	11,699	17,955	12,004	13,224	11,699	11,699
Stock in bonded warehouse Dec. 31.....	8,162	10,711	9,464	4,139	5,045	5,045
	123,380	100,602	146,735	133,632	120,264	120,264
Available for consumption.....	655,655	717,653	662,973	657,655	658,821	658,821

Includes 622 tons of "old, reclaimed, and scrap" in 1925 and 1,135 tons in 1926. Corrected figures not separately recorded. Figures not available. For purpose of calculating quantity available for domestic consumption, stock in bonded warehouse are estimated to have remained unchanged from the beginning of the year.

The foregoing table is intended to include only primary lead or lead smelted directly from ore. There are, however, some small discrepancies which should be pointed out. Many primary lead smelters produce from secondary materials some lead that is inseparable from the primary lead in the final product. Exports of lead as reported above may therefore contain some secondary lead. There are also some inaccuracies in the statistics of imports, exports, and warehouse transactions. Nevertheless, on the basis of the data available, the table gives approximately the quantity of new refined lead available to American industry each year. As the table does not consider fluctuations in producers' and consumers' stocks, it indicates the trend of consumption only in a general way.

CONSUMPTION BY USES

The quantity of lead in all forms consumed by American industry is estimated each year by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. The following table is quoted in full from the 1930 yearbook of that bureau.

Lead consumed in the United States,¹ 1922-1930, in short tons

Purpose	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
White lead ²	156,000	130,000	150,000	131,000	120,000	126,000	123,000	119,700	83,900
Red lead and litharge ³	30,000	46,000	34,000	42,000	36,000	38,000	31,000	30,000	32,000
Storage batteries ⁴	130,000	143,000	170,000	180,000	190,000	178,000	220,000	210,000	163,000
Cable covering ⁵	93,000	131,000	138,000	158,000	185,000	181,000	180,000	206,000	195,000
Building ⁶	71,000	75,000	83,100	88,400	93,700	88,000	96,000	96,000	67,000
Automobiles ⁷	7,200	10,400	10,700	12,800	16,700	12,000	17,000	18,000	11,000
Railway equipment ⁸	3,350	8,100	5,600	6,200	4,800	3,350	2,500	6,700	5,200
Shipbuilding ⁹	100	100	5,200	100	100	200	100	300	5,600
Ammunition ¹⁰	38,000	40,000	27,000	31,500	32,000	34,000	39,600	41,100	33,300
Permeplate ¹¹	4,700	4,600	4,050	4,500	4,100	3,900	4,400	4,200	2,700
Poll ¹²	26,800	33,300	35,000	32,500	35,000	30,000	35,000	30,000	24,000
Bearing metal ¹³	26,000	28,000	32,000	34,000	36,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	20,000
Solder ¹⁴	20,000	20,000	30,000	35,000	37,000	35,000	37,000	37,000	27,000
Type metal ¹⁵	9,500	12,000	13,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	17,000	18,000	16,000
Alking ¹⁶	20,000	25,000	26,500	30,000	32,000	30,000	32,000	31,500	21,000
Castings ¹⁷	16,000	15,000	15,000	16,000	16,000	17,000	18,000	18,000	12,000
Other uses ¹⁸	32,500	36,500	38,000	40,500	44,500	40,500	46,000	50,000	40,000
Total	683,150	768,000	812,150	866,500	900,900	840,950	930,600	948,500	753,600

¹ Sources: American Bureau of Metal Statistics. These estimates are for the total consumption of lead, irrespective of whether its origin be primary or secondary. Antimonial lead is included and the manufacture of lead for export under drawback provisions is included.

² From data of sales reported by U. S. Bureau of Mines up to 1928. Later figures have been determined by an improved method.

³ Exclusive of oxides for storage batteries.

⁴ Based on reports from a large proportion of manufacturers in each industry.

⁵ Based on estimates of manufacture and the quantity of lead used per unit of manufacture. Under the head of building is included the lead used in chemical construction.

⁶ Based on the estimated consumption of lead for this purpose by the railways.

⁷ Estimates of persons engaged in the trades.

⁸ Conjectural.

According to the foregoing table the lead consumed in the United States in 1930 amounted to 753,600 tons, which is less than that consumed in any year since 1922. In the following table the individual uses of lead have been arranged according to their percentage relation to the total lead consumed in 1930.

Percentage of total lead consumed in the United States, 1925-1930

Use	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Cable coverings	18.21	20.53	19.15	19.30	19.30
Storage batteries	21.02	21.09	20.81	23.60	23.60
White lead	16.29	13.32	14.98	13.20	13.20
Building	10.32	10.40	10.46	10.30	10.30
Ammunition	3.68	3.65	4.04	4.20	4.20
Litharge and red lead	4.90	4.00	4.52	3.30	3.30
Solder	4.09	4.11	4.16	3.90	3.90
Poll	3.80	3.89	3.57	3.70	3.70
Alking	3.50	3.65	3.57	3.40	3.40
Bearing metal	3.97	4.00	3.69	3.40	3.40
Type metal	1.75	1.78	1.90	1.80	1.80
Castings	2.10	2.00	2.02	1.90	1.90
Automobiles	1.49	1.85	1.43	1.80	1.80
Railway equipment	.61	.53	.40	.20	.20
Permeplate	.63	.46	.46	.40	.40
Shipbuilding	.01	.01	.02	.00	.00
Miscellaneous	4.73	4.94	4.82	4.90	4.90

From 1923 to 1929 storage batteries were the largest use of lead, but in 1930 cable coverings required more lead than storage batteries. This is due to the fact that the decline in the storage-battery use in 1930 was much more pronounced than that in the other industries. The quantity of lead used in the manufacture of storage batteries declined 22 per cent, while that used in cable coverings declined only 5 per cent.

The use of lead as a protective coating for copper and steel appears sure to increase. General expansion of the use of lead in power, such as the large electrification programs announced by the railway companies and the development of the B. & O. and other great power projects, will require large amounts of lead-covered cable. Increasing civic consciousness will undoubtedly be replacing many of the present unsightly overhead telephone and power transmission lines underground, as has been the custom in New York City, for many years. Research work now in progress to determine the causes and remedies of certain defects in lead-covered cable may have limited its use in some industries should yield profits. Expanding the market for lead-covered cable.

Storage batteries are used chiefly in motor vehicles; consequently the decreased production in the automotive industry was a smaller requirements of lead for the manufacture of storage batteries. The production of batteries for automobiles, however, declined proportionate to that suffered by the automotive industry largely because of the battery replacements required for cars in service. The American Bureau of Metal Statistics has estimated that the production of automobile storage batteries at 13,000 in 1925 and 16,000,000 in 1929. Exports of storage batteries increased steadily from a total of about 207,000 in 1925 to 399,000 in 1929, an increase of 93 per cent. Until 1930, the expansion of the storage battery industry and export trade had more than offset the decrease in storage batteries in radios, which resulted from the introduction of "socket power" sets. The American Bureau of Metal Statistics estimated that about 60,000 radio storage batteries were manufactured in 1930, as compared with 170,000 in 1929 and 400,000 in 1928.

LEAD

The manufacture of white lead is the third largest use of lead, but one that appears to be on the decline. Prior to 1923 this industry was the largest consumer of lead and in 1922 took 156,000 tons or 23 per cent of the total estimated lead consumption. In 1930 only 83,900 tons (11.1 per cent of the total) were so used. The declining use of white lead is due to the substitution in paints of the cheaper pigments, principally lithopone and zinc oxide, and to the increased use of nitrocellulose paints in which white lead is seldom used on account of its chemical instability in contact with nitrocellulose products.

F. E. Wormser, secretary of the Lead Industries Association, has summarized developments in the uses of lead as follows:¹³

So far as the industrial applications of lead are concerned it is interesting to observe that more data were forthcoming during 1930 to show that the new lead-calcium alloy developed for cable sheathing promises to find a place in toll cable construction, if not ultimately in power cables as well, although power cable fabricators have not, as a rule, turned to any alloy of lead, preferring common lead or their use. The lead-calcium alloy would naturally displace the widely used antimony-lead combination, if it is finally adopted as standard on toll lines. Understand trial sections of lead-calcium sheathed cable are still being tested experimentally.

During 1930 the use of lead-asbestos antivibration mattresses under the columns of huge buildings made further progress. In fact, the application of this device has been extended to moving machinery such as printing presses and rubber machinery. In some cases other nonmetallic vibration dampening substances are used in place of asbestos and enclosed in sheet lead.

An interesting revival of an ancient use of lead occurred in 1930—the manufacture of an all lead casket (hard lead). In view of the renowned corrosion resisting quality of lead one wonders why this metal has not been more widely used for pulchral equipment other than casket hardware.

Recent British research has tended to show that, contrary to popular impression, the presence of antimony up to 3 per cent is not an objectionable constituent of lead-tin solder but is generally advantageous, although it is objectionable when soldering zinc or galvanized iron.

A stream-line fitting for copper tubing using a solder film was placed upon the market in 1930.

PRICES

The two major markets for lead in the United States are at New York and St. Louis, and a large part of the lead produced in the United States is sold at prices based on the quotations in these two markets. The New York quotations are influenced to some extent by the lower prices usually prevailing on the London market, so that the New York price seldom exceeds the St. Louis price by as much as the freight differential, 0.35 cent a pound.

The following tables show the average monthly quoted prices of lead at St. Louis, New York, and London for 1928, 1929, and 1930 and the average yearly prices from 1910 to 1930.

Average monthly quoted prices of lead at St. Louis, New York, and London, 1930, in cents per pound¹

Month	1928			1929			1930	
	St. Louis	New York	London	St. Louis	New York	London	St. Louis	New York
January.....	0.29	0.50	4.74	0.50	0.65	4.79	0.10	0.25
February.....	0.08	0.34	4.41	0.73	0.86	5.01	0.09	0.24
March.....	5.32	6.02	4.34	7.38	7.50	5.50	5.58	5.67
April.....	6.00	6.11	4.42	7.03	7.20	5.37	5.43	5.53
May.....	0.02	0.13	4.46	6.77	7.00	5.19	5.41	5.51
June.....	6.16	6.30	4.57	6.80	7.00	5.13	5.31	5.39
July.....	6.05	6.22	4.47	6.61	6.80	4.94	5.15	5.23
August.....	6.05	6.25	4.68	6.55	6.75	5.02	5.33	5.40
September.....	0.29	0.45	4.77	6.69	6.89	5.10	5.35	5.49
October.....	6.32	6.50	4.78	6.67	6.87	5.05	5.09	5.15
November.....	6.23	6.39	4.60	6.13	6.29	4.71	4.95	5.10
December.....	6.34	6.50	4.62	6.10	6.25	4.68	4.95	5.10

St. Louis: Metal Statistics, 1931, p. 377. Average daily quotations of soft Missouri lead, f. o. b. open market, as reported daily in the American Metal Market.

New York: American Metal Market, daily issues. Pig lead, New York (outside market) price from West.

London: Metal Statistics, 1931, p. 381. Average price of foreign lead. Price per long ton, as published in Metal Statistics, converted to cents per pound at average exchange rate reported by the Federal Reserve Board.

Average yearly prices of lead at St. Louis, New York, and London, 1910—

Year	St. Louis ¹ (per pound)	New York ² (per pound)	London ³	
			Per long ton	Per pound
1910.....	Cents 4.33	Cents 4.49	£12.950	Cents 2.81
1911.....	4.46	4.46	12.403	2.92
1912.....	4.38	4.48	17.792	3.87
1913.....	4.26	4.40	18.308	3.98
1914.....	3.74	3.87	18.688	4.09
1915.....	4.57	4.67	22.883	4.85
1916.....	6.80	6.88	30.975	6.58
1917.....	8.92	8.71	30.000	6.37
1918.....	7.25	7.46	30.133	6.40
1919.....	5.55	5.81	28.196	5.67
1920.....	7.93	8.08	38.229	6.25
1921.....	4.39	4.55	22.725	3.90
1922.....	5.52	5.71	23.742	4.69
1923.....	7.35	7.25	26.817	5.48
1924.....	8.10	8.08	33.696	6.64
1925.....	8.02	9.02	35.863	7.73
1926.....	8.25	8.42	31.075	6.74
1927.....	6.52	6.75	24.192	5.25
1928.....	6.14	6.31	21.058	4.68
1929.....	6.55	6.83	23.248	5.04
1930.....	6.38	5.52	18.075	3.92

Wormser, F. E., Lead: Metal Ind., vol. 29, No. 1, January, 1931, p. 7.

¹ Compiled from daily quotations in open market at St. Louis, as published in Metal Statistics, 1931, p. 376.

² Average prices based on quotations of American Smelting & Refining Co., as published in Metal Statistics, 1931, p. 369.

³ Prices of foreign lead in London, as published in Metal Statistics, 1931, p. 381, converted to pound on basis of average exchange rates published in the reports of the Federal Reserve Board. Import duties on refined pig lead have been as follows: Aug. 6, 1909, to Oct. 3, 1913—2½ cents per pound; Oct. 4, 1913, to Sept. 21, 1922—25 per centum ad valorem; average tariff collected—1½ cents per pound; Sept. 22, 1922, to date (1930)—2½ cents per pound.

To facilitate the settlement of its buying and selling contracts, the American Smelting & Refining Co., which controls a large part of the United States lead production, at frequent intervals publishes an official contract price based on the New York market.

following are the company's quotations for 50-ton lots, f. o. b. New York, in 1929 and 1930, in cents per pound.

1929		1930	
Jan. 2	6.65	Feb. 27	6.70
Feb. 6	6.75	Mar. 3	6.00
Feb. 11	6.85	Mar. 6	5.80
Feb. 19	6.95	Mar. 7	5.75
Feb. 27	7.10	Mar. 8	5.60
Mar. 6	7.25	Mar. 10	5.60
Mar. 19	7.50	Mar. 25	5.60
Mar. 20	7.75	Mar. 26	5.70
Apr. 4	7.50	Apr. 4	5.60
Apr. 8	7.25	Apr. 7	5.60
Apr. 10	7.15	May 13	5.60
Apr. 15	7.00	May 20	5.60
July 5	6.90	June 17	5.60
July 10	6.75	June 23	5.60
Sept. 5	6.90	Aug. 1	5.60
Oct. 29	6.75	Aug. 4	5.60
Oct. 31	6.50	Oct. 1	5.60
Nov. 6	6.35	Oct. 4	5.60
Nov. 7	6.25	Oct. 8	5.60
		Oct. 9	5.60
		Oct. 10	5.60

The price of lead in 1930 continued the downward trend which began in April, 1929, and by the end of the year it had declined to the lowest level since the early part of 1922. The New York quotation of January 2, 1930, and the average for that month was 6.25 cents per pound. This price was maintained until the last few days in February when weakness in the European market caused a downward trend in prices, which continued with few interruptions until July when the quotation was stabilized for a time at 5.25 cents. In August and September the price was maintained at a higher level because of more active demand; but early in October it fell to 5.10 cents, where it remained throughout the rest of the year. The drop from 6.25 to 5.10 cents, the high and the low for the year, represented a decrease of 18 per cent. The average quotation for the year was 5.52 cents compared with 6.83 cents in 1929, a decrease of 19 per cent and 3 per cent under the record 1925 price. The New York market averaged 0.14 cent per pound over the St. Louis market in 1930, as compared with 0.17 cent in both 1929 and 1928.

The average price, including domestic and foreign sales, received by lead producers in the United States in 1930, according to reports of producers to the Bureau of Mines, was 5.0 cents a pound; in 1929 it was 6.3 cents.

The London quotation followed the same general trend as the New York quotation. The average for January was 4.68 cents per pound and for December 3.31 cents. The average for the year was 3.9 cents, a decrease of 22 per cent from 5.04 cents in 1929 as compared with a decrease of 19 per cent in the New York quotation. The 1930 London average was 1.12 cents below that for 1929, whereas the New York average dropped 1.31 cents. The London price was 1.60 cent under the New York price in 1930, as compared with 1.79 cents in 1929. In December, 1930, the London price reached the lowest level since 1911.

GOLD, SILVER, COPPER, LEAD, AND ZINC NEVADA¹

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SUMMARY

The total value of the mine production of gold, silver, and zinc from Nevada mines in 1930 was \$21,455,517, or 11,574,720 compared with 1929, and the number of producing (280) was 58 less. The quantity and value of gold and copper decreased in 1930; the lead output was exceeded only by that in 1916. The gold output decreased from 149,064.47 ounces, the silver output from 219,832 ounces, and the copper output from 14,092,035.12 pounds. The lead output increased from 23,058,381 pounds and the zinc output from 16,926,681 pounds. The total value of the metals decreased from \$33,030,237 to \$21,455,517.

Nevada, often spoken of as the "Silver State," was so the Comstock lode was almost entirely responsible for the output of the United States from an insignificant amount in world production. Compared with the other States, it was first in output of silver between 1861 and 1878 and again in 1910 and 1915. Colorado and then Montana were leaders in other periods from 1880, followed in 1920 by Utah which has been the leading silver State. White Pine County led in metals recorded in 1930 and yielded over 69 per cent of the metals produced in the State, due to the large output in the county. Three other counties each produced more than \$1,000,000—Lincoln County, with the largest lead and zinc; Nye County, with its principal values

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