

RADIUM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Jachymov District Mines Good for Twenty Years to Come.

Mines owned by the Republic of Czechoslovakia at Jachymov, Bohemia, are turning out uranium ore with a large radium content, according to a report made to the Department of Commerce from Prague by Trade Commissioner Breed. Although the radium production in the United States is greater as to quantity, he asserts, the ores of Jachymov are richer in quality.

"The known supply of radium in the Jachymov district will last for twenty years at the present rate of production," Mr. Breed continues. "As there are three large mines which are not yet prospected as to depth, and in which the veins of ore widen as they are followed deeper, it is certain that the mining of radium will continue for much more than twenty years at Jachymov.

"The Jachymov mines passed in 1912 into the possession of the Austro-Hungarian Government. They have now become the property of the Czechoslovak Republic. The annual quantity of radium produced amounts to about two grams. The net profits to the Government in 1913 were about 1,000,000 Austrian crowns. The net profits anticipated for the current year is about 3,500,000 crowns, which, of course, has less foreign exchange value than the pre-war profits. The price of one gram of radium in the home market in 1913 was 538,000 crowns. Today the price of one gram is about 10,000,000 crowns."

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