

Chihuahua, Mex., Oct 22nd 1899.

Frederick Burbidge, Esq.,

Kellogg, Idaho.

Dear Sir:--

You will note from an inclosed letter from Rust and carbon copy of my reply thereto, that he is squirming under our arrangement with him. This will give you an understanding of why I was so anxious last April in the face of pending labor troubles at Wardner to catch D. O. Mills and Capt. Mein at Tacoma for the purpose of putting this whole business in Iron Clad shape; but regardless of any contracts the Tacoma Smelting Co. is absolutely tied up to take 44 tons Metallic Lead from us daily as per detailed statement which you have on file at Kellogg. Rust will have to take his medicine but for the present please sugar-coat it for him.

Yours truly,