

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Federal Lead Company. Mining Dept. (Flat River, Mo.).**  
**540**      **Monthly business reports, 1918-1921.**  
            **Twenty-five folders.**

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These are sets of monthly statistical reports prepared by officers of the Federal Lead Company's mines and mill at Flat River in St. Francois County, Missouri. Included are balance sheets, production data, power consumption figures, and other information concerning the company's operations.

These records are available in monthly sets for all of 1918, all of 1920, and January 1921. The sets vary slightly in content, but they usually include a "Balance Sheet," "Advice of Debits and Credits to New York Office Account ..." (including a profit/loss statement), "Equipment," "Statement of Expenditures of Sums Appropriated for Construction, Improvements and Extraordinary Repairs," "*Production. Concentrates*," "Lead Belt Railway Company. Statement of Ton-nages and Expenses," "Summary of Charges in Connection with Dryer at No. 3 Mill," "Summary of Charges in Connection with Reclaiming and Equipping Shaft No. 9," "Details of Surface Diamond Drill Prospecting ...," "Rent Account" (for 83 residences, 11 farms, 56 leased lots, and 3 "free residences" in January 1918), "Safety and Welfare Cost," "Summary of Charges to War Tax Expense," "Power Statement," "Federal Realty Company," and a "Summary of Charges to Experimental [Testing]."

The original copies of the reports (these are carbons) were likely sent to the company's corporate owners in New York. The reports of January-April 1918 are stamped "American Smelters Securities Co." at the top. Subsequent reports are stamped "American Smelting & Refining Company." These parent firms were part of the Guggenheim mining and financial operations.

From January through September 1918 the reports are stamped as having been signed by H. G. Washburn, Manager. Subsequent reports are stamped as having been prepared by Parkhurst Sleeth, Business Manager.

The reports show a fairly steady production of concentrates, averaging around one million dry pounds per month. The Flat River enterprise returned no profitable months in 1918, averaging a monthly loss of about \$100,000. There were several profitable months in 1920, particularly in the spring and fall, when the dollar value of the concentrates indicate an upsurge in the price of lead. However, by December 1920 and January 1921 the operation was once again in the red.

These summary records will be useful to researchers interested in the lead industry in the last year of the First World War and the inflationary period which followed.

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