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## MAJOR GOTWALS ARRIVES HERE

### Head of Road Commission Tells of Work Planned---Says the Future Looks Bright for the Interior.

Major J. C. Gotwals, president of the Alaska Road Commission, arrived in McGrath on Monday, headed by Leonard Seppala and his string of fifteen Siberian dogs. Major Gotwals, who came direct from the Outside to Anchorage, which latter place he left on January 8 to make the present trip, has been in such close touch with Outside affairs and conditions, that the following interview, in which is detailed the work planned by the Road Commission affecting this section, will be read with most pleasurable interest.

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## WOMAN RESCUED FROM RAIL

Los Angeles.—Mrs. Gladys Withen the president of a prominent investment here, who has been missing for some time, who has been held for a large ransom to a communication to relatives, which threatened that her life would be endangered if the ransom were made public, was found today seventy-five miles east of here, and is unharmed. Floyd and S. J. Carr, who were held a grudge against a member of the family, and who were arrested by the police, claimed, have confessed to holding the woman for the purpose not only of satisfying their greed, but also to obtain the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

### Would Sterilize Unfortunates

Helena.—A bill providing for the sterilization of imbeciles, idiots and other insane, is now being read in the Montana Legislature.

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The full advantage possible from freight deliveries on the railroad will not be received without the careful maintenance of river traffic on the Yukon river and its tributaries and the construction of feeder wagon roads and trails.

The road system planned by the Alaska Road Commission is especially planned to carry the advantage of the railroad to the interior. With a large quantity of equipment received from War Department surplus stocks, and with a strengthened organization, the speedy carrying out of this program only awaits liberal Congressional appropriation. It is hoped that the reports of cuts to appropriation do not affect the amount requested for Alaska roads.

### Plans for the Kuskokwim.

"The construction planned for the Kuskokwim call first for the completion of the Ophir-Tacotna road. Excellent progress was made on this road in spite of a considerable shortage of labor this last season. With this must be maintained the existing winter trails, and particularly the McGrath-Rainy Pass-Railroad route. This route is the shortest out to the Government Railroad, and

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### Seattle Police Grab a

Seattle.—In a battle with bandits in which several shots were exchanged, the police came out victorious, capturing one of the bandits who were holding up a store. The other bandits made their get-away in a waiting car.

### Fourteen Cases of W

Nanaimo, B. C.—The steamer L. was here by customs officers, charged with fourteen cases of whiskey aboard.

### President Wilson Attend

Washington.—President Wilson will appear here tonight, for the first time since his illness. His appearance was the occasion of rounds of cheering on the part of the crowd, the president acknowledging them with many bows.

Washington.—Democratic Chair appointed a new executive committee to meet February 17, to consider org

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## LABOR IN THE INTERIOR.

Speaking of the shortage of men throughout Alaska, Maj. Gotwals said:

"The acute shortage of men in the interior now can be greatly reduced during the coming summer. The number of men employed Outside now includes many former Alaskans anxious to return. Many lack the necessary transportation. It is planned on Alaskan Road Commission projects whenever labor shortage exists to bring in men from Outside. This will be well worth while for all interior employers of labor, as the men thus brought in, if carefully selected, would remain and further add to the productiveness of the interior in the coming prosperous years.

"The value of the development of the Nixon Forks Quartz to the Upper Kuskokwim as a resource to the small operator and miner is considerable. This operation will stabilize labor. The year-round workings will provide means for seasonal operators getting in a full working year. Prospectors can secure work, enabling them to secure a grubstake and thus return to their labor of finding new districts. Altogether, the steadying effect of an all-season working in the midst of the seasonal placers will make immensely toward the development of the Upper Kuskokwim. The old road well had a great value of the same nature in the development of the Yukon placers."

of Tacotna and McGrath by summer road.

"For the future a summer road from McGrath to the railroad is planned. Whether this will come to the railroad at Talkeetna via Rainy Pass or in the neighborhood of Healy via the Kantishna district depends on investigations to be made during this winter and summer. A road is now under construction from Talkeetna to Cache Creek, and it is hoped to start construction on a road to the Kantishna district this next season. For this reason, whichever route is finally selected, work will be in progress next season upon the railroad end of the road from there to McGrath."

"The construction of a summer road to McGrath from the railroad will be of very little interest as a means of transporting freight. Freight for this district will inevitably come in by way of Bethel, and the hope for cheaper rates rests on increased shipping, due to greater activity in the district. But such a road will stimulate activity in this district, as men can pass over it at all seasons of the year. The interior operator will be enabled to reach and leave his workings at those two most critical periods of the year for him, the 'break-up' and 'freeze-up.' There will also be service for such a road from the facility it affords of transporting small quantities of machine parts and other indispensables in emergencies."

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After a short visit to the quartz development on Nixon Forks, Maj. Gotwals will leave for Anchorage over the Rainy Pass. On arrival at Anchorage, Mr. Eide will remain there, and Major Gotwals will, with Seppala's dogs, go over Broad Pass and go into the Kantishna mining district to study the feasible routes into that district. From there he will go direct to Nenana and return to Junsau, via Broad Pass and Seward. Seppala will return to Nome from Nenana.

### Latest In Home Brew.

The following contribution comes from a lady correspondent living down river:

Into a gallon of wood alcohol put a pint of seeded prunes, three yellow-eyed beans, 19 raisins, 3-4 ounce dried apricots, 2 yeast cakes, a peck of dried hops, 1 quart of carbolic acid, 1 pint of trichlorolactic liquor, and 27 drops of trinitolortuol. Let this simmer on the back of the stove for a few hours, then pour it off into a steel retainer and set out on the lawn to cool. It should then be strained through a screen made of chicken wire and put back into the steel retainers. It is then ready for business. Try it first on your mother-in-law or one of your creditors. If they survive for more than five minutes give them some more—they can't last long

That's our business in other words ways given. McGrath, Tacotna

W. H. Jones

PIONEER

South Fork

Plenty of Dog Feed.

In season, Mountain. Don't forget to look for trail for you over Ra

Joe Blanche

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One 4-inch Hand  
One 4-inch Drill  
One Sand Pump  
One Driving Chain  
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**ROAD WORK  
COMING UP**

**Road Commission Plans  
to Complete Tacotna-  
Ophir Road This Year.**

Seattle, May 21. — Captain Ward, member of the Alaska Road Commission, in an interview here today, states that, besides opening the road from Valdez to Fairbanks this summer, the Commission plans to complete the road between Tacotna and Ophir, in the Kuskokwim river district, and the Chatanika Circle road, which will give a through road from Valdez to Circle through the Fairbanks district. The Commission also plans to finish the west jetty at Nome and begin dredging operations in Snake river.

**Skies Lurid With Glare  
of Burning Buildings  
In the Vicinity of Cork**

Dublin, May 20. — The skies last night

**WOULD END  
HOSTILITIES**

**Leaders of Polish Revolution in Upper Silesia  
Anxious for Terms.**

Berlin, May 19. — Korfanty and other leaders of the Polish revolution in Upper Silesia have offered to retreat, guaranteeing to end hostilities and acknowledging their rashness providing the territory will be taken over by inter Allied troops, and not by troops of Germany. Such proclamation, signed by the Polish executive board and Korfanty, has been addressed to the inter-Allied Mission at Oppeln.

**Airmen Fail to Reach  
Ft. Norman Oil Fields**

Montreal, May 18. — Airmen seeking to reach the Fort Norman oil fields got as far as Fort Simpson, and have returned to their base, convinced that the flight cannot be made so early. Two planes were badly damaged, the parts being replaced by mousehides and staves from dogsleds.

**Pershing Appointed  
Chief of Army Staff**

Washington, May 19. — Secretary of War Weeks today announced the appointment of General Pershing as Chief of Staff of the Army. Major General James J. Harbord will be Pershing's executive assistant.

**Road Work to Start June 1.**

John Leslie

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San Francisco, Sept. 14.—An  
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the superior court.  
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court, Arbuckle not  
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announced by Robert Camarillo,  
assistant United States district  
attorney, in the presence of E.  
Forrest Mitchell, Federal probi-  
bition director for California.

Paris.—French newspapers are giv-  
ing extended space to the Arbuckle  
case, one of them remarking: "Evi-  
dently there is liquor in America."

San Francisco.—Many witnesses for  
the prosecution in the Arbuckle case  
have appealed to the police for protec-  
tion.

Melbourne.—Theaters throughout  
Australia have withdrawn all films of  
Arbuckle.

liquor, stolen recently from the Gov-  
ernment warehouse here, were recover-  
ed today by the authorities, who ar-  
rested Curtis Beroda, secretary of  
the Teamsters Union and A. L. Legget.  
Both men confessed.

## Says France and Ger- many Rushing Head- long to Another War

New York.—France and Germany  
are rushing headlong toward another  
war, is the opinion of Judge Louis G.  
Gibbs, of the Bronx court, who has  
just returned from a tour of western  
and central Europe.

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state," Lloyd George t-  
canceled arrangements for  
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at Inverness on September  
Telegraphing his reply  
Valera tonight, Lloyd G-  
said: "Your claim to ne-  
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sovereign state would mal-  
ference between us impos-

London, Sept. 13.—A  
Irish peace negotiations w-  
nounced by Lloyd G-  
night, and Boland and M-  
are returning to Dublin w-  
planations of certain poi-  
the Government's propos-  
consideration by Dail Eire

London.—The Post toda-  
"Lloyd George should ta-  
the task of reestablish-  
king's authority in Ire-  
reorganization."

## Telegraphic Ti

Victoria.—The Canadian In-  
in a very disabled condition, w-  
into this port today.

San Francisco.—The schoone  
burned at sea off the Ventur-  
yesterday. All members of t-  
were saved.

New York.—Babe Ruth smas-  
record today, when he made  
fifth home run, occurring in t-  
with St. Louis, with one man  
base.

Detroit.—"Before very long  
covery will be complete," fore-  
retary Tumulty, now here,  
when Henry Ford inquired re-  
the health of ex-President Wil-

Dallas.—Lieut. Armstrong  
geants Gibbon and White w-  
at Love Field, near here, toda-  
their army plane crashed to en-

Washington.—Investigation  
gress of the Ku Klux Klan will  
posed in a resolution which  
man Tague is having drafted  
action, when the House  
next week.

## Col. J. G. Steese, Head of Alaska Road Commission, and Hon. Karl Theile Pay McGrath a Brief Visit

Col. James G. Steese, president of  
the Alaska Road Commission, and Karl  
Theile, Surveyor General of the Terri-  
tory, arrived in McGrath on the 14th  
and 15th, respectively. Both gentle-  
men left Juneau on August 25th by the  
Admiral Watson, making the trip from  
Valdez to Fairbanks in two days by  
automobile over the military road, Au-  
gust 29th and 30th; reached Tanana by  
the Jacobs on September 1st, getting  
to Ruby after a breakdown and a day  
on slush salmon at a fish camp, on  
September 3d; reached Long the same  
night, and Poorman on the 5th. They  
left Poorman on the 6th, their guide,  
according to Col. Steese, being none  
too competent, and reached Ophir on  
the 13th. Col. Steese journeyed to Ta-  
cotsna during the night, coming down  
from the latter place on Capt. Heino's  
launch. Surveyor General Theile,  
through an unavoidable delay, did not  
arrive until late Thursday afternoon,  
coming down with Capt. Hart, on the  
Maple Leaf.

Col. Steese, in addition to his duties  
as president of the Alaska Road Com-  
mission, is district engineer for rivers  
and harbors under the Secretary of  
War, and consulting engineer for the  
Sixteenth light-house district under  
the Secretary of Commerce. In addi-  
tion, he is charged with Territorial  
work under the Territorial Road  
Board, and with several other public  
works covered by special acts of the  
last legislature.

"Last year," said Col. Steese, "work  
was restricted on the Ophir-Tacotsna  
portage road under an allotment of  
\$20,000 from the Territory, and \$22,000  
from the Alaska Road Commission.

This year work was continued under a  
similar allotment from the Territory  
and \$32,000 from the Alaska Road  
Commission. In addition, a separate  
district for the Kuskokwim was created  
under the superintendency of W. W.  
Lukens, with headquarters at Tacotsna.  
Total allotments for the district for the  
year amount to about \$60,000. Work  
was done on the Ruby-Long road, and  
a bridge was purchased and shipped in  
for the Salatra river crossing on the  
proposed extension to Poorman. Relief  
cabins and barns have been built on  
the Iditarod trail; work is also author-  
ized for the Ophir-Cripple trail, and  
for the McGrath-Rainy Pass trail.  
Some work will also be done on the  
winter trails out of Bethel.

"Assuming that money is available,"  
continued Col. Steese, "it is planned to  
complete the Ophir-Tacotsna road next  
season, to begin work on the Long-  
Poorman road, to stake a summer trail  
and possibly put in a couple of relief  
cabins between Ophir and Poorman,  
and to make a substantial allotment  
towards rehabilitating all winter trails  
as far south as Quinbakak. The Kus-  
kokwim will be retained as an inde-  
pendent district, under a competent  
superintendent."

Col. Steese and Surveyor General  
Theile departed Thursday night with  
Captain Bob Hart on the launch Maple  
Leaf for Bethel, from which place they  
will come back up river with Oscar  
Samuelson and go over the portage to  
Russian Mission, on the Kukoo. From  
there they will continue down river to  
St. Michael and Nome, and back to  
Juneau via Seattle on the next trip of  
the Victoria.

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# RAINY PASS MAIL TRAIL

## Statement of Col. Steese Regarding Restoration of Mail Route.

Col. James G. Steese, president of the Alaska Road Commission, during his short stay here, discussing mail matters and the Rainy Pass trail, said:

"About the 20th of August Governor Bone sent for me and asked concerning the mail trail. He had correspondence with Postmaster General Hays which practically left it up to Governor Bone as to whether the mail service should be restored. After our conference Governor Bone recommended the service, and bids have since been called for. The bids are defective in that they make Talkeetna the starting point from the Government railroad. This should be Nancy for this winter.

"The Alaska Road Commission has allotted funds for the complete rehabilitation of the trail from Nancy to McGrath this fall, including tripodding, several detours around bad spots, and the installation of a telephone line between roadhouses about ten to fifteen miles down from the summit on each side. All this is in accordance with the report of Major Gotwals of his dog team trip over the route a year ago.

"While in Washington last winter I got a wire from Major Gotwals recommending a telephone line. I immediately secured twenty-five miles of insulated wire and the necessary instruments and batteries. This material was all shipped to Seward last summer and is ready for installation as soon as snow falls. The Alaska Road Commission will pay for the material and installation, but will expect the roadhouse keepers to keep the line in repair, and the traveling public generally to use care not to disturb the line, but to repair breaks when so advised by the roadhouse keepers."

Happy Jack Stevenson left Wednesday for Georgetown, where he will have a trading post for the winter.

# EFFECTIVE METHODS

## Pursued by Big Cannery Didn't Allow Many Fish to Escape.

The following communication, published in the Nenana News, pertaining to the salmon industry at the mouth of the Yukon river, will prove of interest, as it is a matter in which the people of the Kuskokwim valley are also vitally interested:

"After three seasons at the mouth of the Yukon, the cannery of the Carllisle Packing Company is ordered out by September 1st. This is a regulation passed by the Secretary of Commerce, after the hearing of the fish experts, Dr. E. A. Gilbert and Mr. Henry O'Malley, who made investigations last summer. (Order of Jan. 4, 1921, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Fisheries.)

"Surely it stands to reason that when such a light run as visited the Tanana this summer is to have a toll taken from its ranks by the commercial cannery at the mouth of the Yukon, some of the needed fish are not going to reach the spawning grounds. It is simple logic that it will be only the matter of a few years before the salmon will be depleted. This is not a matter of guesswork on the part of those who have the welfare of the whites and native Alaskans at heart. It is a matter of observation and bitter experience from what happened on the Copper river. There was a time in the memory of prospectors of this country when the upper waters of the Copper river teemed in salmon. But after the establishment of canneries on the Copper river it was a matter of only a few years before the salmon run began to fall off, and in recent years, it is stated, the number of salmon that reach the upper stages of the Copper river is negligible. One man, who had a paying fox farm at Gulkana, was forced to quit for lack of fish food to feed the foxes. The Government finally recognized the seriousness of the situation, and by this same order of January 4, 1921, prohibits all fishing on the Copper river and its tributaries, until further notice. It was a matter of stopping the cannery from catching any stray

salmon that might succeed in getting up to spawning grounds.

"While it is true there was a good run of salmon for a few days of this summer, fishermen all along the Tanana say it is a very disheartening catch. Practically all the fishermen speak of the many salmon that show the net marks. The effective methods pursued by the Carllisle Packing Company allow few of the very large fish to get by. The Government experts who noted conditions last summer were convinced of this.

"Yet we are now confronted by a petition from the cannery of the Carllisle Packing Company, asking that we, whose welfare is being menaced, sign our names asking that they be allowed to continue their depredations. Of course, there will be some who will sign. The cannery has brought a few dollars into the pockets of some, and again there are others who are not interested in the prospector and winter traveler, to say nothing of the Indian, all of whom must have their dog team.

"Sign? No! Let the cannery get out of the Yukon, as is the Government orders. The cannery will still be allowed to fish five hundred yards out of the mouth. This is good enough for them, but to allow them to remain in the Yukon means suffering and deprivation in time to come, both to the natives and to many of our sourdoughs."

Bert Eldridge, in the Doughnut King, left yesterday morning for Berry Landing with a load of freight, consisting of outfits for Blackburn, Eldridge & Goebel, John O. Strand and others.

Will Return From the October 15, Bringing With Miscellaneous Goods and an Up-Various Kinds

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## Development of Kan- tishna Is Retarded By Lack of Transportation

Nenana News.

Lack of roads in the Kantishna dis-  
trict are delaying the commencement  
of operations on at least two big placer  
projects a whole year, according to J.  
C. Van Orsdel, head of the Mt. McKin-  
ley gold placers, who has just arrived  
in Nenana from the properties of his  
company in the Kantishna. "If we  
had had roads," said Mr. Van Orsdel,  
"we would have been operating on our  
holdings by this time, but as it is, the  
commencement of our work has been  
delayed a whole year. And the same  
is true of the Sutherland-Howell hy-  
draulic project on Moose creek.

The Van Orsdel holdings are twelve  
miles from the Bearpaw river, and all  
of the hauling thus far done has been  
accomplished with the greatest diffi-  
culty imaginable, through a low,  
swampy country, and without even the  
crudest sort of a road. The work was  
such that it finally had to be aban-  
doned altogether to await the coming  
of snow.

Dr. Sutherland and his associates  
have a haul of thirty miles from the  
Kantishna river, at Roosevelt Landing.  
Considerable money has been expended  
on road work in that locality, but the  
road between the river and Moose  
creek is impassable now, difficult of ne-  
gotiation even for a pack train. It is a  
good winter road, but absolutely unfit  
for summer use. The result is that  
the hydraulic operations on Moose  
creek cannot be started before next  
summer.

Besides these comparatively new  
placer projects, there are a consider-  
able number of hard rock propositions,  
rich in ore but undeveloped because of  
the lack of roads. Many of the proper-  
ties were located years ago, and the  
agitation for road work has been loud  
and continuous, but without avail.  
Nothing was ever done in that district  
in the way of road building until a  
small sum was obtained from the Ter-  
ritory to start a winter road from  
Roosevelt, and the Kantishna oldtimers  
feel, in view of the showing made by  
them, that they have not been treated  
with fairness.

## Annual Rental N. Y. Lot, \$133 Per Sq. Foot

New York.—Manhattan island, once  
sold by an Indian for \$24 and a few  
drinks of firewater, has become so val-  
uable that a tiny plot stretching only  
31 feet along Broadway recently was  
leased for an annual rental of about  
\$133 a square foot. Real estate men  
declare this is the highest figure for  
which land was ever rented here.

The site is at Broadway and Thirty-  
fourth street, and extends about fifty  
feet along the latter. Several years  
ago a department store wished to buy  
the corner lot, having procured the  
land on both sides as the site of a sky-  
scraper. But the owner would not sell,  
even for a million dollars, and the big  
store had to erect its home around the  
small building.

A four-story structure, housing on  
the ground floor a busy cigar store,  
still remains on the valuable corner  
lot, and on all sides lofty buildings rear  
their bulks of steel and stone. The  
new lessee, who will pay \$3,000,000 for  
rent, taxes and other expenses over a  
period of twenty-one years, plans to  
erect a narrow skyscraper on the tri-  
angular plot. A candy-making cor-  
poration will occupy the building.

Twenty years ago Robert S. Smith,  
who owns the property, started realty  
men by paying \$387,000 for the land,  
which has only 1,250 feet of area. He  
had come to America with only \$5.75  
from his native Russia in 1880. When  
he bought the property he was told  
such a small strip was not worth the  
price and could never be profitable.

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McGRATH, ALASKA, DECEMBER 21, 1921.

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## IT COME IS UNCERTAIN

### ion On Anglo-Irish Treaty Awaited With Great Anxiety.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—Deputy John Gilroy, speaking in the Dail Eireann this afternoon in support of the treaty with England, announced from De Valera a promise to submit the question of ratification to the Senate at the next meeting. De Valera gave his assent.

The confidence with which the supporters of the Irish peace treaty have heretofore awaited the decision on by the Dail Eireann has in a way turned to uncertainty as to the result, and all newspapers show material anxiety over the coming.

The removal of British troops from Ireland, which was to have begun today, has been suspended and they will not be withdrawn until the treaty has been ratified.

Dublin.—The private session of the Dail Eireann, held late this afternoon, was involved in discussion of the proposition of the resources of the Irish republic, in event of an Anglo-Irish treaty.

## ATTEMPT TO

### McGrath Will Celebrate.

The residents of McGrath are preparing to celebrate Christmas in the good old way, with plenty of good eats, and a dance on Christmas night, to which all the surrounding country is invited. Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Lowrie will furnish music for the occasion.

The children of McGrath school will render a program preceding the dance.

### Third Sentence for Ole Larson.

Tacoma.—Ole Larson was today sentenced for the third time for crooked methods in conducting the affairs of the Scandinavian American Bank, receiving two to fifteen years. Larson got three to ten years on his first and second sentences.

## WOULD BOMB EXCHANGE

### Anarchists Threaten to Blow New York Fi- nancial District.

New York, Dec. 26.—The most extensive police guard ever called out in New York is now on duty around the financial district as a result of threats of anarchists to blow up the Stock Exchange. Every suspicious character is held up and searched.

Despite the guard, anarchists succeeded in wrecking a Grand street building this morning, within a block of police headquarters, in which three persons were seriously injured. The

## VIA NENANA TO M'GRATH

### Bids May Be Asked for Summer Mail Service Via Menchumina.

A telegram from Hon. Karl Theile, Surveyor General of Alaska, addressed to R. S. Boyd, of McGrath Commercial Club, in response to a demand from that organization for a better summer mail service, gives every indication that a mail route will be established from Nenana to McGrath during the coming summer season, as outlined by THE TIMES some months since. Following is the telegram:

Juneau, Dec. 17.

R. S. Boyd,  
McGrath, Ala.

Re your letter November 10th, have taken same up today with Governor Bone and Homer Elwell, chief clerk of the Alaska section of the United States Postoffice. We have recommended same to Hon. WILK HAYS, Postmaster General. Think bids will be called for very shortly for a proposed summer mail route from Nenana to McGrath, as per your suggestion.

THEILE.

## REP. ELSTON



News of a recent date:

"Superintendent **Hawley W. Sterling** of the Alaska Road Commission, who arrived in Nenana from Fairbanks yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Sterling, is headed for **Berry's Landing**, on the East Fork of the Kuskokwim river, on an extended reconnoissance survey, for the purpose of determining on the feasibility of establishing a winter mail trail from Lignite to the Kuskokwim, as against the present winter mail route to that region from Nancy, on the Government railroad, by way of Rainy Pass.

"The distance to be covered in the reconnoissance, from Lignite to Berry Landing, is approximately 210 miles, and will consume considerable time. Mr. Sterling, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Sterling on the long trip across country, expects to leave for Lignite on Sunday, and probably will return to Nenana, on completion of the work, about the beginning of April next.

"Tents, supplies and other necessities for the use of the party have gone forward, and two caches have been established on the Toklat and at Roosevelt. Several more loads will be sent out from Lignite during the next two days, and Mr. Sterling expects to take the trail on or about January 15.

"The party, which will include two other men beside the superintendent, will leave Lignite with two dog teams, breaking trail most of the way. The route followed will take the party from Lignite to Glacier, on the upper Bearpaw river, thence to Bartlett's camp, on Moose creek, and thence to Berry Landing, on the East Fork of the Kuskokwim river. Berry Landing is used by the Treadwell people as a base from which supplies landed there are freighted to their holdings in that region.

"Mr. Sterling states that five shelter tents, with stoves, will be erected for the use of travelers, between Lignite and Moore creek. Mile posts will also be put up and, on the summits along the route, tripods will be erected approximately a quarter of a mile apart as additional guides to travelers. The reconnoissance will also include a study of winter conditions in the region traversed for the proposed wagon road from Lignite to the Kantishna mining district."

"Juneau, Jan. 29, 1922.

"Chamber of Commerce

McGrath:

"Bill 2905, introduced in the Senate, reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall consider it to be consistent with the primary purpose of a national park, he is authorized to permit the prospecting, development and utilization of any mineral resources in such park under such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the mining laws of the United States, and for such periods as he may prescribe.

"Section 2. That the provisions of this act shall not be applicable to Mt. McKinley national park, Alaska; Mesa Verde national park, Colorado; or Grand Canyon national park, Arizona."

"If you are opposed to Section 2, as it applies so Mount McKinley, wire Governor Bone, Washington.

"KARE THEILE,

"Acting Governor."

They were discussing the sudden death of a merchant who had left a rather helpless family.

"And the worst of it is," said Uncle Bill, "that there isn't one of those boys that has the head to fill the old man's shoes."—Pickup.

### Forfeiture Notice.

To Frank P. Haslund, your heirs, executors and assigns:

You are hereby notified that I have expended during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1920 the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) in labor and improvements upon your undivided, one-fourth interest in claim No. 2 below, first Mer, left limit, Candle creek, in the Mt. McKinley mining and recording precinct, Territory of Alaska, in order to hold said claim under the provisions of Section 2324 of the revised statutes of the United States, and the amendment thereto approved January 22, 1880, concerning annual labor upon mining claims, being the amount required to hold said placer mining claim for the period ending December 31st, 1920.

And if, within ninety days from the personal service of this notice, or within ninety days after the publication thereof, you fail or refuse to contribute the amount of such expenditure as well as the costs of recording the same, and the costs of this advertisement, your interest in said

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### Notice of Forfeiture

To Mrs. J. Folsom and G.  
heirs, executors and as

You, and each of you, notified that I, the undersigned, co-owner, have expended improvements the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) the years 1917, 1918, 1919 at your interests in Claim No. Discovery on Moore creek, McKinley mining and recording, Territory of Alaska, hold said claim under the provisions Sections 2324 of the revised the United States and the amendments thereto concerning annual mining claims, being the amount required to hold said mining claim for the period ending December 31st, 1920.

And if within ninety days of publication of this notice you refuse to contribute your proportionate share of said expenditures, as well as the costs of recording the same, and the costs of this advertisement, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owner, under the terms of said Sections of the revised statutes of the Territory of Alaska.

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## Government Working on Plan Looking to Ending Coal Strike

Washington. — The Government is working on a plan looking to the ending of the coal strike, which it will submit soon to both the mine operators and union leaders, it was announced today at the White House. Details of the plan were not disclosed.

## War Secretary Urges Force of 163,000 Men

Washington. — The 115,000 enlisted strength army bill passed by the House provides a military structure below the safe limit requirements of the nation, Secretary of War Weeks told the Senate appropriations today in urging appropriations for a force of 13,000 officers and 150,000 men.

## Bergdoll Property Decision.

Washington. — Justice Bailey, in the supreme court for the District of Columbia, today ruled that the alien property custodian cannot be required to surrender the property of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll if the Government proves that Bergdoll has been guilty of desertion.

## Colorado Editors in Fatal Fight.

Durango, Col. — William L. Wood, 35, city editor of the Durango Herald, was shot and killed by Rod S. Day, 47, editor of the Durango Democrat, today, following a bitter quarrel of several months' duration.

Deputy U. S. Marshal McMullen returned yesterday from a trip to Ruby, to which place he escorted Duke E. Stubbs, who is en route to Fairbanks to appear before the court there on a bench warrant alleging falsification of Government reports, specific details of which, of course, have not yet been made public.

Mike Blanuska returned Thursday from a trip to Nixon.

## Work on Ophir-Tacotna Road Coming Season

Work on the Ophir-Tacotna road the coming season will be prosecuted to about the same extent as last year, according to advices just received from Major J. C. Gotwala, engineer officer of the Alaska Road Commission.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By C. Edward Cone.

"Bard of the Kuskokwim."

As I sat on my bunk and listened  
To the New Year's pledges made  
By the boys who are sadly doing  
Time in the jail's dim shade.

Said Bill, "Now, boys, if you listen  
To me, I'll say there's no chance  
That again I shall ever tackle  
The pitfalls of high finance."

Said Dick, "When I view the bright  
lights,

"Twill be from a distance afar."

Said Nick, "When I tackle the free  
fights,

"Twill be in the next world war."

Bob, Charlie, Ed, George and Henry,  
In choruses now loudly proclaimed  
That among the makers of moonshine  
They nevermore would be named.

The rest of the gang insisted  
Hereafter to make it a rule  
To never be caught red-handed  
In trying to ride the "mule."

As I sat on my bunk and listened  
To the pledges then bandied about,  
I was sure in my mind that we'd  
keep 'em—  
At least, until we get out!

Ora Barnhardt, Little Metzki and Fergie, who arrived Thursday, departed for their down-river homes late last night.

Al Welsh, recently arrived from Flat, left yesterday for a trip to Nixon

For Sale—30 80 Winchester rifle Lyman sight. Inquire Times office.

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# Government Assumes Control of R. R. Rolling Stock Through I. C. C.

## Direct Distribution of Fuel and Other Supplies to Sustain Life of the Nation.

Washington, July 26.—War measures went into effect as the United States Inter-Commerce Commission, acting that a national emergency exists because of the railroad men and coal workers' strikes, assumed sweeping control of railroad rolling stock and over the direction of distribution of food, fuel and other supplies required to sustain life of the nation.

Chicago, July 26.—With the government assuming control of rail traffic through the Inter-Commerce Commission, Eastern railroads continue their efforts to organize new coal and oil companies in Montreal, that a walk-out of thousands of Canadian ship-owners has been authorized, peace on the railway strike today reached most remote. The as-

pect, in fact, seems filled with gloom.

Austin, Texas.—Gov. Neff today declared martial law in Denison because of several outbreaks of violence, owing to the railroad strike. Five companies of the National Guard are now on their way to Denison.

Chicago, July 24.—A fight to the finish in the railroad strike was seen in the announcement coming from New York that representatives of forty big Eastern roads had met in that city for the purpose of organizing company unions.

Washington, July 24.—Chairman Hoover, of the Railroad Labor Board, arrived this morning from Chicago, and went into immediate conference with President Harding on the strike situation.

Ottawa.—The American Federation of Labor, after voting a resolution adopted by the Central Labor Union of Omaha to "call a national strike, to bring the full power of labor to bear in one grand national protest against the slavery conditions being imposed upon us."

## France Is Willing to Give Germany Moratorium of 2 Months

Paris.—Premier Poincare has informed the reparations commission that France is willing to give Germany a cash moratorium of two months' immunity, stating that one for a longer period cannot be considered.

## WINTER MAIL SERVICE

### Looks Good for Rainy Pass Route, But Not Yet Certain.

Washington, July 25. A. V. Thorns, Secretary Tacotna Commercial Club:

Regarding record mail service, Seattle informs me that bids were advertised on June twenty-second for carrying mail from Nancy, Healy Fork and from Kobi to McGrath. Bids should reach Washington about August 6th. Have no doubt of continuation of service for this winter. Understand bids call for eight hundred pounds.

DAN SUTHERLAND, Delegate from Alaska.

The above telegram from Delegate Dan Sutherland is in response to an inquiry regarding the outlook for mail service this coming winter sent the Delegate by Al V. Thorns, secretary of the Tacotna Commercial Club, as follows:

McGrath, July 21.

Dan Sutherland, Delegate from Alaska, Washington, D. C.:

Rumor current that the most satisfactory and prompt winter mail service we ever had, which was over the Rainy Pass last winter, is to be discontinued and be routed via Ruby. Please wire if this is true, in order that we can take matter up with department.

TACOTNA COMM. CLUB, A. V. Thorns, Sec.

## TO FURNISH PROTECTION

### Policy of Government Towards Working Coal Mines

Washington, July 26.—The immediate policy of government in the coal strike was declared at the meeting today to be a continuation of the endeavors to furnish coal to men willing to work coal mines throughout the country.

The creation of a commission of three to be appointed by the president, to investigate the coal industry and recommend to Congress, in a resolution introduced by Chairman Borah, of the Senate committee on labor, would be a commendation from the commission on the visibility or necessity of nationalizing the coal industry to the provision of coal.

Operators from a conference this morning, Hoover, agreed in the Administration maintaining price of fuel distribution.

## AMONG POLITICIANS

Rebuke for Hi Johnson in California

Seattle, July 26. Miles Poindexter

## IN AERIAL STOWAWAY

Locked in Mail Compartment, From Detroit to Cleveland.

## FREE STATE VICTORIOUS

Capture Bally Hannis From Republican Irregulars.

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## NOT ADVISED TO GO TO WORK

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### Harding Replies to Criticism Upon Policy of Administration.

July 28.—President Harding expressed his plans for the railroad to be presented, are such can evade im-

of work. were submitted the rail- hem hanging ority rights, nounced.

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Washington, July 27.—Replying to a telegram sent him by J. Cleve Deane, chairman of the railway employes' publicity association, charging that the Administration was "attempting to put American labor under the gun" by its policy towards specific industrial disturbances, President Harding places responsibility for further interference with transportation and the production of vitally needed coal upon the striking railroad employes and miners, again advising that they return to work under the conditions already suggested by him while the reasonableness of their demands was being thrashed out by the agencies set up for that purpose.

## Hearst Papers and Labor Leaders Out to Defeat Poindexter

Seattle.—Senator Miles Poindexter, in an address here last night, declared that the Hearst newspapers and certain labor leaders are seeking to bring about his defeat because he refused to vote against the four-power treaty, as they demanded.

## TRAIL FLAT TO TACOTNA

### Suggestions for Marking By One Arriving Over That Route!

"Starting from Little creek, about Discovery, Otter, would be a good place to start putting up tripods and sign posts, as the general pack trail goes around Little creek," said Joe Kermad, who has just come over the trail from Flat, in suggesting that the Flat-Tacotna trail be better defined. "Most travelers like to cross Little creek to the head of Murray. Crossing Murray to Long creek requires considerable blazing or tripoding, as in rainy or foggy weather many travelers will get on wrong at that point, and it is desirable that a relief cabin should be put up, round the Twin Buttes. From there on to the Brush house are several knolls, where the trail is lost and is hard to distinguish. Crossing Willow creek, before coming to Fourth of July, needs staking. Leaving the head of Fourth of July is a stretch practically a mile long, and this is the place where a lone traveler would likely take a wrong direction. Sign posts and tripods should be placed from Lin- up to the Tacotna trail, to save travelers being misguided toward Sphir, and travelers who go down Ganes creek 40 above go out of the general course in coming to Tacotna, for, instead of going down that hill to 40 above Ganes, they should take the ridge on the right half of Ganes as far as Algora's place."

## ALASKAN OIL FIELDS

### 18 Men of Big Company Coming North to Start Work.

Seattle, July 26.—The Associated Oil Company of California will send north eighteen men, headed by G. L. Jones, on the Northwestern, sailing tomorrow morning. They go north to develop five thousand acres of oil lands around Pearl creek dome, which is fifteen miles inland from Kanatuk. A contract between the Associated Oil Company and the Alaska Oil Company, which sold the lease to the former on the Alaska Oil Company tract and the Finnigan tract, calls for the immediate sinking of wells and continuous work on the fields until they are finally proven.

## HIGH WATER MARK

### Tacotna River Reaches the Highest Level of Present Year.

Whether from excessive rains of past weeks, from melting glaciers, or both, or from other causes, the water in the Tacotna at 7 o'clock last evening had exceeded the high mark of several days ago. And the water at noon was still rising.

The water rose several inches during the night, and early this morning topped the river bank in front of The Times office. From 7 this morning till noon a rise of about six inches was

## 200 LIVES IMPERILED

### When Jap Liner Rams and Sinks Str. Calista, Puget Sound Boat.

Seattle, July 27.—Imperiling the lives of two hundred men, women and children, the trans-Pacific liner Hawaii Maru rammed and sank the Puget Sound passenger steamboat Calista off West Point, in a fog. Al-

WEL CANA

# Plan for McKinley Park Road System

Fairbanks News-Miner.

The Alaska Road Commission and the National Park Service, through Director Mather, have executed plans for the development of a road and train system in Mt. McKinley National Park and a highway into the Kantishna mining district.

Col. Seese states that as a result of a thousand miles of reconnaissance in the Kantishna and Mt. McKinley Park districts by the Alaska Road Commission and the Department of the Interior, a program has been drawn up and approved by both departments for a loop road and mail route to give the Kantishna mining district and Mt. McKinley National Park access to the U. S. Government railroad. The loop will be approximately 177 miles long; about 120 miles by automobile, the balance on horseback. It will start from Mt. McKinley station on Riley creek, Mile 347, Alaska railroad, cross Sable, Polybrome, Highway and Thorofare Passes to the foot of the Muddrow glacier, then along McKinley river and outside the park limits to Wonder lake, then to Kantishna postoffice, at the mouth of Edroka creek. The return will be made via glacier to a point on the railroad near Egnite, Mile 363.

The first 25 miles from Mt. McKinley Park station to Middle river will be improved to automobile standard; the route over the high passes will be improved for summer trail by pack train and winter travel by sled; from the foot of Muddrow glacier to Wonder lake, Kantishna postoffice, and return to the railroad at Egnite, a total distance of about 100 miles, travel will again be made by automobile. The committee report for the relief of the Kantishna district will be ready outside the limits of the National Park.

The Alaska Road Commission has for three years submitted estimates for the Egnite-Kantishna road. Improvements about 64 miles of this road, located west of the Toklat river, at the mouth of Orookoo creek, had been established along the route. The National Park Service will submit estimates for the construction within the park limits, beginning next year.

Meanwhile, preliminary work will be done this summer by the Alaska Road Commission on the Park trail to that construction may be perceptibly pushed at the beginning of next season, when roads become available. After a conference with Woodbury, Abbey, of the Park boundary survey, General

Land Office, and Harry Karstent, park superintendent, National Park Service, the following work was agreed upon in carrying out the co-operative agreements closed in Washington last winter between Col. Seese and Director Mather, of the National Park Service:

1. Army tents and small stoves will be provided at the following points between McKinley Park station and Kantishna postoffice: Savage river, Mile 12; Igloo creek, Mile 26; East Fork, Mile 63; Toklat, Mile 46; Stony creek, Mile 64; Muddrow glacier, Mile 62; Mt. McKinley National Park, Mile 76; Kantishna postoffice, Mile 82.
2. Sign boards will be erected at each of the above tents and in addition at the following points: Sanctuary river, Toklanika river and Sable pass.
3. Stenciled mile posts will be erected.
4. The entire trail will be brushed out and tripods erected at confusing points.

This happened at a conference of colored preachers. A visiting bishop was looking at the various examination papers, and came upon one marked 101 per cent.

"See here, Brother Jones," he asked the worthy who was conducting the test, "what basis does yo' base yo' answers on?"

"100 per cent," advised the minister.

"But how does this man come to be marked 101 per cent?"

"Oh, yo' see, suh," answered the darky, "he answered one question we didn't ask!"—Judge.

Sam Watkins was seeking a permit from a prohibition agent to buy wine.

"What do you want it for?" asked the agent.

"For sacreligious purposes, suh."

"For sacreligious purposes? You mean sacramental purposes?"

"Dat's it, suh. An' the committee has long appointed me tuh get it."

"What kind of wine does the committee want?"

"Well, suh, we talked it all over, and finally decided on gin."

## Mineral Application No. 0551

U. S. Land Office, Nome, Alaska  
April 28th, 1922

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Flume Dredge Company, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, whose postoffice address is Mills Building, San Francisco, California, has made application, through James M. Streeten, its authorized agent, whose post office address is Nome, Alaska, before the United States Land Office of Nome, Alaska, for a United States Patent for the consolidated placer mining claim known as THREE STAR ASSOCIATION, No. SEVEN BELOW DISCOVERY ON YANKEE CREEK,

sq., set 2 ft. in ground, in with mound, marked 2-1274-5B, and 1-1274-7; whence U. S. L. M. No. 1274 bears N. 61 deg. 34 min. E., 2998.95 ft.; thence S. 41 deg. 09 min. W., 705.65 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 25 deg. 24 min. W., 998.9 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N. 60 deg. 26 min. E. 700.5 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 34 deg. 28 min. E., 662.65 ft. to Cor. No. 1, and place of beginning, containing an area of 12.89 acres.

NUMBER SIX BELOW DISCOVERY—Beginning at Cor. No. 1, identical with Cor. No. 2, No. Seven Below on Yankee Creek Placer; this survey, a hem spruce post, 4 ft. long 4 in. sq., set 2 ft. in ground, in earth mound, scribed 2-1274-7B, and 1-1274-6B; whence U. S. L. M. No. 1274 bears N. 57 deg. 43 min. 37 sec. E., 3666.52 ft.; thence S. 36 deg. 57 min. W., 909.30 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 50 deg. 48 min. W. 840.2 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N.

56 deg. Cor. No. 1, and pls an area Expre from th Associa total ar The N. E. ed; on and un 5. Below unsurve claims U. S. spruce 3-ft. in hillside ft. in Yankee 08 min. min. W

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## Winter Trail Will Be Built Between Tacotna and Ophir

We are glad to announce that, according to W. W. Lukens, the Alaska Road Commission representative here, the Commission has authorized the cutting of a winter trail between Tacotna and Ophir. This trail will parallel the Government's wagon road leading down Butte and Independence creeks. It is a much-needed want and will surely be appreciated by the general community.

The Commission further approves of the work necessary to allow freight being winter-hauled over the so-called government trail between Nixon Forks and Tacotna. At times, due to varying conditions, Tacotna merchants are compelled to warehouse supplies at the Forks, the same being delayed through early freeze up or lower river transportation difficulties. Consequently, this work is necessary and is money well spent.

The Kuskokwim has even in its first issue been a strong advocate for trails, both winter and summer. Some how or other the wheels of trail and road construction move slowly, and the days of man are but threescore and ten. From all accounts, the winter mail trail has not received any attention from Lake Meachumina to Big River, and no trail whatever has been dug from Berry Landing to Nicolai over the new mail trail. How in places the mail carriers will make any schedule and this trail is out is beyond us. Yet we continue to suffer in silence, hoping, waiting, hope, and the end is not yet.

Oh Lord, give us better trails, both winter and summer, is the prayer and verbal reply, get to us. Amen.

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Albrecht and Taylor

quit coming in Spain in search of the beautiful and wealthy princess imprisoned in a dark, damp tower by a cruel uncle who is anxious to annex her fortune.

The historic old Spanish swindle apparently has gone out of fashion in the United States, but it is still in vogue in other parts of the world. Germany has recently supplied quite a crop of kind hearted gentlemen who advanced money for the release of the dark-eyed Spanish beauty who was suffering in a rat-infested cell and slowly dying on a diet of dry bread and water while the cats hovered about her head and added to the terrors of her lonely confinement.

Granada has always been a popular center for the men who have contributed to the relief of imprisoned beauties. Washington Irving and scores of lesser writers have credited Granada with having more beautiful women than any other city in the world. The legend of the Rose of the Alhambra and the stories of the three beautiful princesses, Zaida, Zoraida and Zorahayda, hover about the Alhambra and make it the natural refuge for disappointed investors in distressed beauty.

Vaudeville stars always have found the names of Moorish princesses profitable on playbills. They carry with them the atmosphere of the harlem, of the veiled face and the Oriental dance. They suggest the Alhambra and millions of gold and the priceless Moorish jewels which Boabdil and his court are reported in legend to have secreted in their beautiful palace before it was surrendered to Ferdinand and Isabella. Boabdil and his queen are supposed to be hiding in a cavern in the neighboring mountains waiting for a magic call from Mohammed, which will restore them to their old glory in the Alhambra. Every tower, every turret, every minaret and every doorway in the old Alhambra has its legend.

So it is not strange that searchers for princesses should come to Granada after having sought vainly for mythical castles in mythical mountains. Most of the modern Spanish princesses are being held captive in castles by the sea. Castles by the sea are so much damper, and then it is so much more romantic for rescue parties to approach the rocky coast in ships and wade to the imprisoned princesses, who will promptly tear her clothing to bits and make a rope with which she will lower herself from the gloomy tower.

Many of the imposters who are marketing adventure to credulous investors give their princesses the names of famous women who have been dead for centuries. Moraymah and Alishah, queens of the Moorish regime, who have been dead for over 400 years, and many other celebrities of history and legend have lent their names to princesses supposed to be in distress.

Hotelkeepers in Granada have become skilled in detecting visitors who are searching for imprisoned beauties. They usually make very guarded inquiries and seldom admit they have been duped. Frequently they inquire for kooky fortune tellers or astrologers, who probably charge well for their services. Letters concerning the distressed princesses are usually marked strictly confidential and instructions are given that nothing must be told to anyone, lest the title of the princess be endangered. Most of the dupes are too much satisfied of their

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# DAUGHERT

## 14 Specifications in of Particulars for Impeachment.

Washington, Dec. 4. — There were fourteen specifications in the bill of particulars presented to the House committee by Representative Keller, of Minnesota, in support of his resolution proposing impeachment of the attorney-general, the outgrowth of Daugherty's injunctions served against striking railmen. Keller asked the committee to summon as witnesses in support of some of his conditions Chief Justice Taft and George W. Wickersham, attorney-general in the Taft cabinet.

M. F. Miller, who left here on Dec. 18, arrived at Fairbanks on Dec. 1. Mr. Miller, in a telegram to the Times, states that the run from Fairbanks to Nancy was made in seven days, the trip being an average one. "The trip to all my friends," Mr. Miller says in conclusion.

Frank Fox, former resident of Fairbanks, but now a resident of Fairbanks, Yukon, was married at Anvik recently according to word lately received here. The bride, it is said, is a graduate of the Holy Cross Mission.

Mail Carrier Brink, who left Sunday for Big river with the outgoing mail, returned here Monday, and left Tuesday morning on the way to Flat.

Jack Mutchler and Austin H. Stone, after a stay of several days here, returned to Tacotna this afternoon.

L. F. Bullard and Douglas Meade, with Owen Gray and his team, started Sunday morning for the coast.

Joe Wills returned Sunday from Big river, where he had been on business for several days.

Charles E. Taylor, with team of four, left Sunday morning for Nancy on his way to Fairbanks.

Haas, Erickson, well-known Gave creek mining man, was a Monday arrival.

J. E. Carter is due to arrive here within the next few days, having left Nancy Nov. 20.

alone must have the rights on both sides of the straits for modern defences and fortifications, declaring that Russia has annulled all czarist claims against the coast people. Tchitcherine declared that Russia cannot permit a solution of the straits problem which would render the straits open to powers with preponderant navies, thereby menacing the security of Russia.

Paris, Dec. 3. — Absolute independence for Turkey will be the basis of the Russian soviet demand for the Dardanelles conference in Lausanne. Tchitcherine, Russian foreign minister, declared just before leaving for Lausanne.

Lausanne, Dec. 3. — The conference is deadlocked on questions of the Straits, Mosul oil concessions and European frontiers, and is considering taking a recess of six weeks, beginning December 15.

begin this afternoon? After a trial lasting into the night Andrew was declared guilty, receiving sentence of long imprisonment and military degradation.

Rome. — Greek counter-revolutionary outbreaks occurred today in Patras and Missolonghi, in Western Greece, and on the island of Corfu, where the British flag has been raised as a result of indignation over Greek executions.

Mr. Carlson was a Sunday arrival from Tacotna, coming down for treatment of a partially severed finger. Mr. Carlson, while out hunting, happened to step from a fairly hard trail into deep snow with his left foot. He was carrying his gun in his left hand, the index finger being partially over the barrel end. In recovering his balance the trigger caught in some manner, discharging the gun and taking off the end of the finger. Dr. W. F. Green operated on the remaining part of the lacerated index, and Mr. Carlson will be all right in a few days.

## Mail Contractor Hill Arrives; Tells of Conditions Prevailing on New Route

VE Coke Hill, the well known lawyer and mail contractor, arrived in McGrash Monday evening, having accompanied the second mail leaving Kobl for Flat via the new route.

Mr. Hill hoped to catch a carrier at Big river and brought Carl, a Nicolli native, with 350 pounds of mail to Big river, only to find that Chester Brink had pulled out in the morning. The balance of the 800 pounds reached Big river Tuesday with Ed Jerne, mail carrier. After sending some telegrams, Mr. Hill returned to Big river Tuesday and started the accumulated mail back.

The first mail of 800 pounds left Lake Minchumina in charge of Mail Carrier Charles E. Armour, accompanied by John Montan, on November 18th.

On the way to Flat, the mail contractor returned to the guides and returned to McGrash on the 20th.

Lake Minchumina roadhouse, started across the lake with Armour and pointed out to him the point where the trail left the lake, and as Armour's dogs were crowding up on Kammergaard's team and they feared a fight, Armour directed Kammergaard to go back, saying he and Montan would find the trail all right. When Messrs. Hill and Jerne passed there they could see by Armour's tracks that he had turned inward the trail and then went on down the lake. They expected he would swing around later and pick up the trail but after two days of travel carefully and slowly picking out the trail, Armour has having gotten to the trail, and William Shorgis, who was to have come through with Jerne, having hurt his foot, Mr. Hill and Mr. Shorgis went and himself came through with Jerne.

What happened to Armour and Montan is not known, but Mr. Hill says that they returned to the lake on the 20th.

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# Mail Contractor E. Coke Hill Arrives

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and very active dogs saw and ate after caribou and moose and broke their sleds necessitating a long delay. Armour is known all along the Yukon from St. Michael to Tanana as a hard-earned and very efficient mail carrier for a number of years, and as Armour was accompanied by John Montau, who Mr. Hill says is an experienced woodsman, hunter and trapper, with his own separate team, it seems impossible that anything very serious could have happened.

Speaking of the route, Mr. Hill says it is a wonderfully level, fine route. His only difficulty after the rivers froze up was locating the trail from Minchumina to Telida. There was no track, and at every swamp and lake time had to be spent determining the proper contribution, and at times it took hours, and once days, to find it. One of the greatest difficulties arose from the many trails partially cut and blazed by trappers. At one time Mr. Hill followed a trail two days, only to find that it wound up at a fallen-in trapper's cabin. It took him another day to go back to Jerne, and another to locate the right trail. He says that, now that he and Jerne have found it, there will be no further trouble. Billy O'Palke and Fred Whitehead have also gone in along it.

There is no stretch of over 21 miles without a cabin, cooking stove and cooking utensils, and at least at times occupied by natives, except between Telida and Lake Minchumina, a distance of not to exceed 60 miles, and Mr. Hill expects that a roadhouse will be started there very soon. There is a good roadhouse at Big river, with dog stables, an Indian roadhouse at Nicoll, 21 miles further, with two houses, a cabin at East Fork, 9 miles from Nicoll, and at Slow Fork, 21 miles further. At New Telida, 18 miles from Slow Fork, is a village and native roadhouse. Mr. Hill says both native houses are kept very clean and the meals are better than in many roadhouses run by whites. The rates are \$1.50 per meal. At the west end of Minchumina, not over 50 miles from Telida, Old Andrew, a na-

live, who talks no English, has a couple of cabins ten miles beyond, on the other side of the lake. Kammergaard has a very fine roadhouse, and a short 21 miles from there are Indian cabins at the mouth of Birch creek. Six miles further down the Kantishna, just off the portage trail, W. R. Rodman has a trading post, ten nine miles from Birch creek by portage trail to Roosevelt, where Bob Dunmore has a roadhouse. Fifteen miles further is Diamond City. Mr. Olson runs the roadhouse there, and it is 30 miles from there to Knight's roadhouse, which is 20 miles from Kobl. There is a cabin and stove about half way between Diamond and Knight's, and between Knight's and Kobl. Mr. Hill says that with very little cutting and marking between Telida and Menchumina it would leave the worst bit of trail on the route, as far as McGrath, that between McGrath and Big river. Cutting is, however, very necessary. Mr. Hill and his men cut out the trail laid out by the Road Commission directly from Diamond to Roosevelt, and took horses and double-enders to Roosevelt.

The distance is almost the same as that to Nancy, but the biggest elevation is not over 800 feet above sea level, Diamond being 570 feet above by the Government maps. Also, the new route is out of the violent snow belt. The snow all the way is about the same as at McGrath.

Mr. Hill says that he had expected considerable delay with the first mail, which, owing to Armour missing the trail, fell upon the second. Also, Armour's difficulties may seriously interfere with the third and fourth mails, but after that he expects to be regular and expeditions.

Owing to the fact that there is no roadhouse between Telida and Minchumina, Mr. Hill advises travelers to stay off the new trail for a few days yet, though he expects to put a tent at some convenient place temporarily for the use of the mail. Also, owing to the fact that this contract was not let till about the middle of September, dog feed is very scarce along the route.

Joe Oates, after bringing down Dr. W. F. Green yesterday, returned to Tacoma today.

Greg Stewart, who arrived yesterday, returned to Berry Landing this morning.

Henry Martello, from Flat, with the outboard mail, arrived this afternoon.

John Mathon, of Flat, arrived yesterday, leaving this morning for the coast.

Jack Brandon came yesterday from

the coast, and will be on the trail today. He says that the trail is in good shape, and that the dogs are doing well. He also says that the mail is being carried on a regular basis, and that the route is being improved.

There are no complaints as yet, and the mail is being carried on a regular basis. The route is being improved, and the dogs are doing well. The mail is being carried on a regular basis, and the route is being improved.

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## ASTORIA'S DISASTER

### Officials Say Fire Was of Incendiary Origin; 750 Homeless.

Astoria, Dec. 10.—Seven hun-  
dred and fifty people were ren-  
dered homeless by the fire which  
yesterday wiped out the business  
section of this city. Relief is  
pouring in from many cities.

The cause of the fire, which  
broke out in a pool room, is un-  
known. George J. Smith, a log-  
ger, committed suicide during  
the progress of the fire.

"Astoria, the oldest American  
city west of the Mississippi, will  
rebuild," said Mayor Bremer.

Astoria, Dec. 10.—State and  
city officials today began an in-  
vestigation as to the cause of the  
fire, following charges by Mayor  
Bremer and Chief of Police Carl-  
son that the fire had been set.  
"I am certain that the fire was  
incendiary," said the mayor,  
and I am likewise certain that  
radicalism is responsible."

Bankers announce that seven  
million dollars in cash and se-  
curities were in the vaults of the  
burned banks.

## MOUNTAIN DISTILLERS

### Bombing Planes and Machine Guns for

## Reduce Income Surtax Rate From 50 to 25 Per Cent, Says Sec. Mellon

Washington.—Reduction of the max-  
imum income surtax rate from the  
present 50 per cent to not more than 25  
per cent, and closing up so far as pos-  
sible existing avenues of escape from  
federal taxes, were urged by Secretary  
of the Treasury Mellon in his annual  
report, transmitted to Congress today.

## FROM KOBI TO M'GRATH

### Kuskokwim Valley to Be Opened in Spring, Says Maj. Gotwals.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Major J. C.  
Gotwals, chief engineer of the  
Alaska Road Commission, in an  
interview today, announces that  
the valley of the Kuskokwim  
will be opened next spring. This  
is to be accomplished through  
construction work, now in pro-  
gress, on a road from Kobi, on  
the Government railroad line, to  
McGrath.

## Telegraphic Ticks.

Peking.—The province of Shantung  
was restored to China at noon today by  
the Japanese.

Philadelphia.—John Wanamaker,  
nationally known merchant, died at  
his home here this morning.

Washington.—The ship subsidy bill  
was ordered favorably reported to the  
Senate by the commerce committee, to-  
day.

Peking.—Anton Lundeen, American  
missionary, recently kidnapped by band-  
its in Honan province, has been re-  
leased.

## RIOTING AND KILLINGS

### Mark Inaugural Cer- mony of President of Poland.

Warsaw, Dec. 12.—Four  
sons were killed and scores  
others wounded today in riot  
that marked the ceremony of  
swearing-in of Gabriel Naru-  
wicz as president of Poland.

Twenty thousand national  
started trouble by pelting  
new president with snowballs,  
which was followed by acts  
extreme violence and great  
disorder, in which much sh-  
ing was indulged in.

## 30,620 Acres Patented in Alaska During 1922

Washington.—During the fiscal  
ending June 30, according to the re-  
port of the commissioner of the Ge-  
ological Survey, made public to-  
day, 30,621.71 acres in Alaska were pat-  
ented during the year, divided among  
office districts as follows: Fairbanks,  
2,121.12 acres; Juneau, 17,894.27; a-  
nd Nome, 605.21 acres.

Louis Blackburn, after an absence  
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den creek, was a late Saturday ar-

## FOR GERMAN MARINE

### Story of New York P lication Creates a

## Trail Work for Season Ends at Taleido

Sam Sanderson, superintendent in charge of the opening of the new trail between Kobe and McGrath, arrived here Thursday to attend to a few business matters.

Mr. Sanderson reports that the Road Commission force got as far as Taleido in the making of trail, at which place work for this season has been discontinued. He is quite enthusiastic over the trail, and reports that a gain in distance of eight miles has been made between Glacier and Taleido.

Mr. Sanderson, on leaving yesterday for Big river, had a cyclometer working in the trail of his sled, which will be run from here to Kobe, when practically accurate mileage will be determined.

## Electricity's Source May Be Discovered

Washington.—Scientists of the Carnegie Institution have developed an instrument which measures the electricity that comes to the earth from the invisible universal dynamo, it was announced yesterday.

The instrument, or a further development of it, may eventually locate the source of electricity, it is believed. It is the work of Dr. S. J. Mauchly and H. W. Fisk, of the department of terrestrial magnetism of Carnegie Institution.

By means of the instrument greater accuracy in determining the apparent variation of the north magnetic pole is possible. The indicator of the finest compass now points 30 degrees west of true north. The variation has totaled 20 degrees in the last 64 years. This variation is not of the magnetic pole itself, but is the effect on the compass of electric waves or rays moving toward the earth.

The distance from here to Big river is 24.7 miles, according to the cyclometer used by Sam Sanderson in going over the trail from here, yesterday.

Frank Beckman was a Sunday arrival, coming from Carl creek, to which he returned on Monday.

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## 185 Estimated Dead in Cumberland Mine

Dawson, N. M.:—The total number of dead at the Cumberland mine disaster was estimated today at one hundred and eighty-five. Many bodies are being recovered.

There are no new developments in the matter of that missing mail sack.

S. T. Plokhain, postoffice department representative, left Sunday for Tacotna, on his way to Iditarod, being accompanied by Deputy Marshal McMullen. Arriving about the same time at Tacotna were Postal Clerk Wetzler, of Fairbanks, and Deputy Marshal Jack Woods, of Ruby. All parties, it is understood, were in conference for several hours on Monday.

Yesterday, the 13th, marked another milestone in the life of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, it being the thirty-ninth anniversary of their marriage. A number of callers paid their respects during the day. Pleasant features of the day were the presentation to Mrs. Green of a most artistic nugget bracelet, besides which each was the recipient of a handsome Pioneer pin, gifts of a number of friends.

Owen Gray arrived this afternoon from the Nixon mine, bringing down R. M. White, acting superintendent at the mine, and Z. E. Foster, coming from Big river, and lately with the crew of the Alaska Road Commission in trail work between Kobe and Taleido.

L. B. Walbridge, R. T. High and Ben Gallatin, all of whom are connected with the Tuluksak Mining Company, on the lower river, arrived here Sunday forenoon from Tacotna, and left the same afternoon for Big river, on their way to the Outside.

Mail Carrier Beattie, bringing the Outside mail, arrived yesterday from Big river, leaving this morning for Tacotna.

Dr. D. C. Hardy, dentist, arrived at Tacotna a couple of days ago, having been piloted over from Ruby by Scotty Clark.

L. B. Loomis, N. C. manager, returned yesterday from a three-days' business trip at Tacotna.

Mrs. E. P. Werner left yesterday for a short visit at Tacotna, going up with Jack Mutchler and team.

Adolph Jestland, from out Nixon way, was among today's arrivals.

the fact that they have done nothing for my teeth. There is no dentist in connection with the Home, and at present there are no funds available to pay the local dentist. Now, it seems they expect an appropriation in March when the legislature meets, and then they may be able to do something. The doctor here says the principal cause of my trouble is my teeth and there is no use of my thinking of leaving till I get them fixed."

Mr. Stout sends greetings to all his friends.

### Notice of Forfeiture.

To B. T. James, Ed McArdle and Charles Knell, your heirs, executors and assigns:

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, your co-owner, have expended in labor and improvements the sum of not less than one hundred dollars [\$100.00] for the years 1920 and 1921 upon your interests in the Good Luck Fraction, situated between No. 1 and No. 2 Above Discovery on Moore creek, in the Mt. McKinley mining and recording precinct, Territory of Alaska, in order to hold said claim under the provisions of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto concerning annual labor upon mining claims, being

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McGRATH, ALASKA, APR 21, 1923

## Mrs. Boyd Writes of Trail Trip to Kobi

Kobi, April 2.—We made Kobi in eight and one-half days, and have had a most pleasant trip, so far as weather and trail had anything to do with it.

We made Big river in five and one-half hours, to find Dick Rhodes his usual genial self, and he certainly furnished the good eats in plenty.

Leaving Dick's at 8 a. m., the 27th, we reached Nicoll at 2:30 p. m., only to find the native roadhouse absolutely filled with returning old-timers. We decided to push on to East Fork cabin, a distance of eight miles, where we camped with big Ed Jerne.

From East Fork cabin we easily made Slow Fork, where a native keeps a fairly good roadhouse, though sleeping room was at a premium even on the floor.

From East Fork to Slow Fork we had our worst trouble. The trail was soft, and one whole side would give way, and our load would topple over into three or four feet of snow. We had a perfectly good hand-ax and a pair of skills, so we had only to set to work, dig it out and build an incline to the trail, stamp it down with our feet, tug the sled around—did you ever try to lift your share of 800 pounds?—then start the dogs. Sometimes we didn't fall-back more than three or four times before we made it.

The Slow Fork stop proved an exciting one for us, and it was here that we received a lesson in early rising. A party of mushers came in, and one of them wanted breakfast in time to start at 4 a. m., but the proprietor opined that 6 o'clock was plenty early. However, others told him he must do as his patrons wanted. He went to bed with

roadhouse, kept by E. K. Kamnigard. He keeps an excellent place, having a three-room building already erected and doghouses in process of erection. As his place is right on Lake Misobumina, which is swarming with fish, there will be no question of fish shortage next winter.

From the Lake House we made Roosevelt, lanching at another cabin of Joe Wills, whom we met on the way.

At Roosevelt, Bob Deansmore has two cabins fitted up as cook and bunk house, and is serving fine meals. He also intends to build.

Dr Carmichael and wife, formerly of Nenana, have a small trading post at Roosevelt, and a building is in course of erection which will be occupied by Mr. Rodman, an old-time trader from Gibbon, as a trading post.

From Roosevelt we lunched at Diamond, where E. Hassen has a cabin fitted up to accommodate travelers, and he intends to build as soon as he is assured of the trail's permanence.

From Roosevelt we made a Government cabin, where we camped with four old-timers. They stated that the Kobi trail is, or always has been, perfectly safe until May 1 or later. One of them traveled it last year between May 5th and 10th. The earliest creek to open last year was a small one which broke up May 10th, and which in no way affected the trail. They said that, of course, toward May 1 there were apt to be overflows, but no worse than any spring trail, and absolutely nothing dangerous.

Twenty-seven miles from the Government cabin is Knight's, which we made by 2 o'clock that afternoon, but decided to stay over night. At this place Henry Knight has a fairly good roadhouse, good stables, dog barns, etc., and serves good meals. From Knight's to Kobi is 26 miles, where we arrived shortly after noon today. There is a government cabin half way between these last two places, fitted with stove and benches.

At the cabin 27 miles from Knight's a roadhouse is already under construction. There are splendid locations for roadhouses at Wills' cabin and at any of the native-kept places.

The trail this way from Roosevelt is somewhat cut up by the heavy hauling with horses, and is over rolling ground, but there is not a foot of the trail that I couldn't have driven my own team over in perfect safety. The only open water I saw were several small streams which were babbling along as if it were July, but they came from warm springs and are safely bridged.

The approaches and ends of the portages are, some of them, quite steep, but doubtless before another year will be graded down properly. When we

that William Schneirla, whose post-office address is Ophir, Alaska, has made Application before the United States Land Office at Nome, Alaska, on behalf of himself, and his co-owners, Jacob W. Schneirla, Charles Schneirla, and Edward Schneirla, for a United States patent for the Consolidated placer mining claim bearing placer gold, known and described as No. 13 Above Gold Run and No. 14 Above Gold Run, situated on Little Creek, a tributary of the Innoko River, about twelve miles southeast of the town of Ophir in the Innoko Mining & Recording District in the Territory of Alaska, said Consolidated Placer Mining Claim being designated by the United States Surveyor General of said District as United States Mineral Survey No. 1279, the exterior boundaries of which, according to the plat and field notes now on file in this office with a magnetic variation of 24 deg. 37 min. E. are as follows:

### NUMBER THIRTEEN ABOVE GOLD RUN ON LITTLE CREEK

Beginning at Cor. No. 1.  
A hewn spruce post, 4 ft. long, 4 ins. sq., in earth mound scribed 1-12 79-13Ab; whence: U. S. L. M. No. 1278 bears N. 56 deg. 22 min. 50 sec. E., 1003.09 ft.; thence S. 47 deg. 47 min. W. 681.7 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 45 deg. 29 min. W. 640 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N. 28 deg. 51 min. E. 701.5 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 45 deg. 49 min. E. 868.0 ft. to Cor. No. 1. and place of beginning, containing 11,740 acres.

### NUMBER FOURTEEN ABOVE GOLD RUN ON LITTLE CREEK

Beginning at Cor. No. 1.  
Identical with Cor. No. 2. No. 13 Above, this survey, previously described; whence: U. S. L. M. No. 1278 bears N. 52 deg. 54 min. 12 sec. E. 1030.23 ft.; thence S. 52 deg. 52 min. W. 624.6 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 38 deg. 55 min. W. 514.9 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N. 40 deg. 39 min. E. 560.9 ft. to Cor. No. 4; identical with Cor. No. 3 No. 13 Above this survey, previously described; thence S. 45 deg. 29 min. E. 640.0 ft. to Cor. No. 1 and place of beginning, containing an area of 7,800 acres.  
Total acres contained in said Consolidated Claim is 19,540 acres.

Said Consolidated Placer Claim is situated on Little Creek, a tributary of the Innoko River, about twelve miles southeast of the town of Ophir in the Innoko Mining & Recording District in the Territory of Alaska.

The adjoining claims are on the northeast No. 12 Above on Little Creek, unsurveyed; on the southwest No. 15 above on Little Creek, unsurveyed; on the northwest and southeast claims unknown and unsurveyed.

U. S. Location Monument No. 1278 is a hewn spruce post 8 ins. sq. 5 ft. above ground, painted blue, with stone mound around same and chiseled U. S. L. M. No. 1278; whence: W. Twin Peak bears N. 49 deg. 30 min. E. E. Twin Peak bears N. 51 deg. 40 min. W. No. 1

eight and one-half days, and have had a most pleasant trip, so far as weather and trail had anything to do with it.

We made Big river in one and one-half hours, to find Dick Rhodes his usual genial self, and he certainly furnished the good eats in plenty.

Leaving Dick's at 8 a. m., the 27th, we reached Nicoll at 2:30 p. m., only to find the native roadhouse absolutely filled with returning old-timers. We decided to push on to East Fork cabin, a distance of eight miles, where we camped with big Ed Jerne.

From East Fork cabin we easily made Slow Fork, where a native keeps a fairly good roadhouse, though sleeping room was at a premium even on the floor.

From East Fork to Slow Fork we had our worst trouble. The trail was soft, and one whole side would give way, and our load would topple over into three or four feet of snow. We had a perfectly good hand-ax and a pair of skis, so we had only to set to work, dig it out and build an incline to the trail, stamp it down with our feet, tug the sled around—did you ever try to lift your share of 800 pounds?—then start the dogs. Sometimes we didn't fall back more than three or four times before we made it.

The Slow Fork stop proved an exciting one for us, and it was here that we received a lesson in early rising. A party of mushers came in, and one of them wanted breakfast in time to start at 4 a. m., but the proprietor opined that 6 o'clock was plenty early. However, others told him he must do as his patrons wanted. He went to bed with a grunt that convinced all present that 6 o'clock would be the breakfast hour. So when an alarm awoke the echoes a few of us crawled out. A few minutes later the proprietor hammered the floor with his heel and announced: "Evlybod op! One bleak as this house!"

Everybody "opped." After breakfast someone looked out and announced, "Great Scott! It's as dark as pitch!"

A general consultation of watches followed. "Well, I'll be blowed," said Bill Goss, "it's only half past three o'clock!"

The early rising musher adjusted his pack and with a grin of triumph departed, leaving a crowd of rather silly looking mushers shivering around the stove—all save Bill Goss, who calmly returned to his bunk. When slightly reprimanded the roadhouse keeper said: "You speak early; me ketohum early."

From Slow Fork we made Telido for lunch, where Berrie's and old Wassale's daughter keep a two-cabin roadhouse. That night, the 28th, we stayed at Joe Wills' (not, where five of us camped in a tent 10x8.

From Wills' tent we made, the Lake

Kobi trail in, or always has been, perfectly safe until May 1 or later. One of them traveled it last year between May 5th and 10th. The earliest one to open last year was a small one which broke up May 10th, and which in no way affected the trail. They said that, of course, toward May 1 there were apt to be overflows, but no worse than any spring trail, and absolutely nothing dangerous.

Twenty-seven miles from the Government cabin is Knight's, which we made by 2 o'clock that afternoon, but decided to stay over night. At this place Henry Knight has a fairly good roadhouse, good stables, dog barns, etc., and serves good meals. From Knight's to Kobi is 28 miles, where we arrived shortly after noon today. There is a government cabin half way between these last two places, situated with stove and banks.

At the cabin 27 miles from Knight's a roadhouse is already under construction. There are splendid locations for loadhouses at Wills' cabin and at any of the native-kept places.

The trail this way from Roosevelt is somewhat cut up by the heavy hauling with horses, and is ever rolling ground, but there is not a foot of the trail that I couldn't have driven my own team over in perfect safety. The only open water I saw were several small streams which were babbling along as if it were July, but they came from warm springs and are safely bridged.

The approaches and ends of the portages are, some of them, quite steep, but doubtless before another year will be graded down properly. When we came to one I bore down on the brake and pulled up on the handlebars, according to the pilot's instructions, until I felt my end of the sled leave the ground, when I closed my eyes, commended my soul to its Maker, and hung on. If we hit the trail my teeth were only jarred half through my head, and if we didn't—well, I had a good chance to start an argument.

At Knight's, Jim Burrows, the game warden for this district, spent the night. He is continually traveling, and insists that the trail will be good until May 5 or later. He thinks that the trail will result in some good strikes, as it goes through a highly mineralized country.

My regards to every one.

Mrs. B. J. BOYD.

Receiving and sending hours at the McGrath station are as follows:  
Week Days—10 a. m. and 2 p. m.  
Sundays and holidays—9:45 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

United States Land Office, Nome, Alaska, April 22, 1922.  
Mineral Application No. 9530  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

sec. 2, 1003.02 11; whence N. 21 deg. 47 min. W. 681.7 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 45 deg. 29 min. W. 640 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N. 28 deg. 51 min. E. 701.5 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence S. 45 deg. 49 min. E. 868.0 ft. to Cor. No. 1, and place of beginning, containing 11,740 acres.

#### NUMBER FOURTEEN ABOVE GOLD RUN ON LITTLE CREEK

Beginning at Cor. No. 1. Identical with Cor. No. 2. No. 13 Above, this survey, previously described; whence: U. S. L. M. No. 1278 bears N. 52 deg. 51 min. 12 sec. E. 1630.28 ft.; thence S. 52 deg. 52 min. W. 624.5 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence N. 38 deg. 55 min. W. 514.9 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence N. 40 deg. 39 min. E. 560.9 ft. to Cor. No. 4; identical with Cor. No. 3 No. 13 Above this survey, previously described; thence S. 45 deg. 29 min. E. 640.0 ft. to Cor. No. 1 and place of beginning, containing an area of 7,800 acres. Total acres contained in said Consolidated Claim is 19,540 acres.

Said Consolidated Placer Claim is situated on Little Creek, a tributary of the Innoko River, about twelve miles southeast of the town of Ophir in the Innoko Mining & Recording District in the Territory of Alaska.

The adjoining claims are on the northeast No. 12 Above on Little Creek, unsurveyed; on the southwest No. 15 above on Little Creek, unsurveyed; on the northwest and southeast claims unknown and unsurveyed.

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Long. 156 deg. 25 min. W.

JOHN SUNDBACK

Register of United States Land Office.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

United States Land Office at Nome Alaska, April 22, 1922.

Mineral Application No. 9546.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that William Schneirla, whose post-office address is Ophir, Alaska, has made application before the U. S. Land Office at Nome, Alaska, on behalf of himself and his co-owners, Jacob W. Schneirla, Charles Schneirla and Edward Schneirla, for United States patent for the Association Placer mining claim, bearing placer gold, known and described as No. 1 Below Gold Run of the Fatherhill Association Placer, on Little Creek, a tributary of Innoko River, and situated about ten miles southeast of the town of Ophir in the Innoko Mining and Recording District in the Territory of Alaska, said Association Placer claim being designated by the U. S. Surveyor General of said Territory as U. S. Mineral Survey No. 1275; the exterior boundaries of which, according to the plat and field notes

# ANSWERED BY FRANCE

## Makes Caustic Retort to British Reparations Note.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The fifth reply of the government to the recent British reparations note asserts that France refuses to withdraw from the Ruhr except as she is paid, and that she likewise rejects a plan for an international re-estimate of Germany's capacity to pay. Referring to the British allusion of the "rights of others, the reply said that "France does not need to be reminded of her duties."

Robert Gherkie, headed for Tokotna, left Bethel on Wednesday, traveling in his own boat. Accompanying Mr. Gherkie as far as McGrath is Frederick Anderson, wireless operator, who will relieve Sergeant L. W. Bundy at that station.

The Thor left Wednesday for McGrath with the following passengers: Frank Guskey, Warren Stewart, Dan Callahan, Wm. Molyneaux, M. Bozich, Jack McDonald, Jim Abana, H. Wallick, Wm. Hummel, Wm. Cline, Miss Dora Werner.

Alex. Gragen and Frank Deeming, who arrived Monday from the Road Commission camp, left Tuesday for Candle, returned here Thursday, and departed yesterday for Ruby.

Bill Hummel, who made the trip on the Thor Wednesday to McGrath, took the overland route back on Thursday, making the distance in eight hours.

T. F. Roberts, who came in from the Road Commission camp on Monday, left Wednesday for Ophir, on his way to Ruby, Nenana and the coast.

Miss Dora Werner, after a visit of a few days here, the guest of Miss Frances Larson, left Wednesday for her home at McGrath.

The steamer Tana, according to the best information obtainable, will leave McGrath for Bethel about August 28th.

Jack Brandon, who returned yesterday from a trip to Candle and McGrath,

## Road Work in This Section Brought to an End by A. R. C.

All work under way on the Government roads by the Alaska Road Commission came to a stop last Saturday evening, the reason for its discontinuance apparently being lack of funds.

Aside from wiping out a number of gaps existing in the first seven miles out from Tokotna, the Tokotna-Ophir highway during the present season has been extended for a distance of about five miles. The road is now practically complete for a distance of eleven miles, and is said to be in passable condition for one mile beyond, this latter mile as yet hardly being usable for automobiles.

The Tokotna-Tokotna Landing road, work upon which commenced several weeks ago, will have to wait for another year before receiving its finishing touches, although another ten or eleven days' work would have completed it. This road, when completed, will be about two miles long. One mile of the road has been completed, and of the remaining mile about three-fourths has been corduroyed, matted, and bridges and culverts put in.

John J. McGrath, known in every Alaskan and Yukon camp, former editor of the Nome News, Nome Nugget, Seward Gateway and other Alaska newspapers, dropped dead of apoplexy in Brooklyn, N. Y., several weeks ago, while visiting an aunt, according to reports received in Alaska. At the time of his death he was associated with a Florida newspaper. The deceased leaves hundreds of sourdough friends in the Territory, and during his business years in Alaska was considered one of its ablest journalists.

Warren Stewart, who arrived from the Road Commission camp on Monday, was a Thor passenger for McGrath on Wednesday.

Jack McDonald, who returned Monday from a few days' visit at Ophir, left Wednesday for McGrath, going down on the Thor.

Mike Rokl, one of Monday's arrivals, left Tuesday for Ganes.

Ed Nollette, of Yankee creek, was a town visitor Thursday.

Tony Butorac returned Thursday from a trip to Ophir.

Axel Peterson left Monday for Little creek and Ophir.

Frank Righini left Tuesday, headed for Iditarod.

John Vik left Tuesday for Ophir, on his way to Ruby.

John Sundberg left Wednesday, headed for Ruby.

Dick Kubloff was among the early in the week arrivals.

### Notice of Forfeiture.

To Michael Lucey, his heirs and assigns:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that we, the undersigned, your co-owners, have expended in labor and improvements the sum of not less than one hundred dollars for the years 1920 and 1922 upon placer-mining claim No. 5 Above Discovery on Moore creek, in the Mt. McKinley mining and recording precinct, Territory of Alaska, in order to hold said claim under the provisions of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto concerning annual labor upon mining claims, being the amount required to hold said mining claim for the period ending June 30, 1923.

And if, within ninety days after the publication of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of said expenditures, as well as the cost of recording the same, and the costs of this advertisement, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owners, who have made the required expenditures under the terms of said Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

KELLER & DAWSON,  
Co-Owners,  
By J. F. Keller.

Date of first publication, July 21, 1923.  
Date of last publication, Oct. 20, 1923.

### Notice of Forfeiture.

To Harold Seddon, his heirs and assigns:

You are hereby notified that I have expended for labor and improvements the sum of one hundred dollars per year for each of the years 1915, 1916, 1917, 1920 and 1921 upon the Yellow Jacket Association placer-mining claim, situate on Marvel creek, in the Kusko-kwim recording district, Territory of Alaska, in order to hold said claim under the provisions of law respecting annual labor on mining claims.

And if, within ninety days after the publication of this notice, you fail to

pay your portion of your interest in said claim, the undersigned, according to the provisions of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

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## Our New Shipme

ghai, Sept. 18.—Three lake shocks rocked the se of Chihli today. Numerous buildings collapsed and casualties are heavy at Huh-Chihli province, in which King and Tientsen, has a population of 32,000,000.

la, Sept. 18.—A severe lake occurred at 7:30 this g, many buildings being shaken. Churches were with worshipers attending when the shock came.

use, Sicily, Sept. 18.—A earthquake shock was e this morning at 7:30.

## Mexico Resume Diplomatic Relations

ington.—The United States and resumed full diplomatic relations, the State Department announces this afternoon.

nsen and Charlie Lovett ar-day from Iditarod, following on of their operations for the road Commission. Mr. Jensen day for McGrath, and Mr. scheduled to leave for Flat e next couple of days.

eminder that our old friend approaching, it may be stat- this 22d day of February a le of white covered Tokotna a full third way down from

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progress of the flames towards the buildings of the University. Among the homes destroyed were those of Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president emeritus of

is six million dollars less than the total loss by fire. All of the finest homes on Fairmount and Euclid avenues, Boolema Park, were destroyed.

## Absolute Necessity of Highway From Ruby to M'Grath

F. B. Camp, of Anchorage, arrived in town Tuesday night, after completing a ten-days' mush from Ruby over the embryo road of the Alaska Road Commission. From Ruby to Long in Milligan's de luxe touring car over a stretch of road twenty-nine miles in length was accomplished in one hour and thirty minutes. From Long to Poorman, thence to Lone Mountain and

on to Cripple took several strenuous days of mashing. Following the winter road from Greenstone, seven miles beyond the town of Long, the trail and road which looms up so enticingly on the Road Commission map, becomes a nightmare of swamps, niggerheads, lakes and almost impassable sloughs, over and through which progress of any sort was a slow and tedious task. The heavy rains which began falling from the time Mr. Camp left Ruby continued throughout the entire trip, causing the streams and rivers to run bank full and submerging the trail and road a foot deep with muddy water.

From Cripple City the traveler left the winter trail and, going into the Cripple diggings, took the summer trail to Ophir and thence to this place.

"The absolute necessity of a real road between Ruby and Tokotna and McGrath," said Mr. Camp, "becomes more and more a vital necessity for the future development of this section of Alaska. Cheaper and better transportation must become a reality before Tokotna, McGrath, and other towns along the right-of-way of the road, which should have been built ten years ago, can hope to become permanent and prosperous communities. The Alaska Road Commission officials cannot fail to see the necessity for this road, and it is to be hoped that they will concentrate their road-building activities in this section of Alaska entirely upon the Ruby-McGrath highway from now until it is finally completed, which should be accomplished in two years. By appropriating a sufficient sum of money for the completion of this road within the next two years, the people living in this section of Alaska will be benefited as much as those people along the right-of-way of the Alaska Railroad.

"A good road means much cheaper transportation. Cheaper transporta-

tion means an increased population, and an increased population means the ultimate finding and development of more camps like Iditarod, Ophir and Poorman," said Mr. Camp. "The people located along the right-of-way of both the winter and summer highways connecting Ruby with McGrath are all waiting patiently for the completion of this road and are becoming more impatient with the apparent unnecessary tardiness of the officials of the Alaska Road Commission in completing this road. The recent visit of Delegate Dan Sutherland to Poorman and other points along this proposed road will undoubtedly help to get early action, and if all those people vitally interested in this road will write to Delegate Dan urging him to make a special effort to have the road completed at an early date, much good will result. A united effort and one voice demanding this road will do much toward getting it in the near future."

Aside from being an able newspaper man, Mr. Camp, who saw service during the world war, enjoys the distinction of being known as the Soldier-Poet. He has become somewhat widely known through the publication, recently, of a volume known as "Alaska Nuggets," of which over seven thousand copies were sold. His verses are of a high order and decidedly pleasing.

Mr. Camp departed Wednesday for McGrath on a business mission.

Mrs. S. Schultz, Tokotna's first school teacher under Territorial supervision, arrived here Thursday. Mrs. Schultz, who carries excellent credentials concerning her school work in both North Dakota and Montana, is eager to assume her new duties here. Until such time as the new school house is ready, the contract for which was awarded several days ago to John E. Baker, school sessions will be held in Pioneer Hall, opening Monday morning next.

Mrs. James Weir, well known Ophirite, after an absence of about two years among childhood's scenes at her old home in Scotland, was among Thursday's arrivals, en route to her home on Spruce creek. Mrs. Weir was met at McGrath by Mr. Weir, who accompanied her here, and both will probably leave tomorrow for Spruce.



# ROAD WORK PAST YEAR

## Resume of Activities of Commission in This District.

Ross E. Kinney, summarizing the work of the Alaska Road Commission in this section during the past several months, points out the following results:

"A new trail has been completed via the Crooked creek placer diggings and Medfra to the East Fork roadhouse, from about Mile 16 on the McGrath-Big River trail. The new trail is estimated to shorten the distance from McGrath to Medfra by four or five miles, and puts the new postoffice of Medfra on the mail route. It also eliminates five river crossings to Medfra and four to the East Fork from McGrath, and avoids all river travel. A four-horse team and hohled traveled over the new trail from Medfra to McGrath the next day after completion.

"The new trail shortens the distance over the old route from Eagle creek (Strand & Clough's claim) to McGrath and return by thirty miles, and furnishes a fair summer and early fall route for mushers from McGrath to the East Fork roadhouse, having only one river crossing, over the main Kusko-kwim, about two and one-half miles above Medfra, and one slough. Friday and Eagle creeks are both bridged. The new trail, with only one low saddle, and no hills to climb, is located through green timber for practically

the entire distance, except two or three miles where it leaves the McGrath-Big river trail, which is well tripoded, and some burned patches between Medfra and the East Fork. The trail is nine feet wide, all stumps being cut below the moss."

Other work done by the Road Commission was the cutting of three miles of new trail from the mouth of Beaver creek, on the Ophir-Ruby trail, to connect with the previously traveled trail Ophir to Iditarod, on Brown creek, to avoid the very bad Dodge creek hill.

A new trail, two and three-fourths miles long, has been cut out of McGrath towards Medfra, in order to avoid crossing Black Fish lake, which opens up nearly every year.

Four new bridges were put in on the Ophir-Iditarod trail, as follows: First, at Mail Box creek, 14 miles from Flat, a 28 foot bridge; second, over Martin creek, 32 miles from Flat, a 23-foot bridge; third, a bridge over the Ditna, 45 miles from Flat; fourth, over Tolstol creek, 63 miles from Flat, which is now being finished.

California creek slough was not bridged, as new sloughs are formed yearly, so trail was cut around to avoid sloughs.

These new bridges were put in on the Ophir-Tolstol trail, which never had been bridged. The new spans are 16, 24 and 26 feet, over Little, Tea and Coffee creeks, respectively.

A new bridge was put in at Fourmile creek, on the Ophir-Cripple trail.

The old trail from Big River to Medfra, twelve miles, was improved by cutting out windfalls, widening and tripoding.

One man was employed about a month in improving the trail from Big River to the East Fork and Eastward.

### Notes From Crooked Section.

James Harland is putting in a stopping place, about 19 miles from McGrath, on the line of the new government trail. Two tents are up at present, but a log structure will probably be erected. A soda springs, the water of which is declared excellent, is within easy access.

Clyde Wann is visiting on Skookum gulch, intending to do a little prospecting: Report has it that he has changed his occupation from an assayer to a baker.

Gus Gullikson had a birthday on the last day of the old year, which was the occasion for a bachelors' party that evening at the invitation of Mrs. Gullikson. Following the dinner came a number of good stories, one of John E. Baker's, being a reminiscence of life on the Yukon, receiving heartiest applause. The guests were: Messrs. M. H. ...

## Oil Lands Investigation Gets Sensational

Washington.—The Senatorial investigation into the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair went into sensational channels today, delving into private affairs and personal finances of former Secretary of Interior Fall. It was shown that Fall was in such bad financial circumstances at the time of the lease that the taxes on his ranch at Three Rivers, New Mexico, went unpaid from 1911 to 1921. After the Teapot Dome lease was made to Sinclair it is alleged that these taxes were paid in full and that extensive improvements were made on the ranch, Fall further securing an interest in forty other ranches whose acreage aggregates 700,000.

Charlie Goebel returned Sunday to McGrath, to be on hand at the New Year doings there.

Waine Puntilla left Sunday for McGrath.

### Notice of Marshal's Sale.

United States of America,  
Fourth Judicial Division,  
District of Alaska.

Public notice is hereby given that, by virtue of a writ of fieri facias (or execution), dated October 25th, A. D. 1923, issued out of the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Fourth division, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1923, in favor of Miners & Merchants Bank of Iditarod, Alaska, a corporation, and against George Phillips and John Handley, I have, on this 13th day of December, A. D. 1923, levied upon the following described real estate, situated in the Otter Precinct, Fourth Division of Alaska, to wit:

All of the right, title and interest of the defendants George Phillips and John Handley in and to the following described placer mining claims, to wit: The "Hope" Association; One above Ray Fraction; Two above Ray Fraction, and One below Ray Fraction; all of said claims being situate on Happy creek, in the Otter recording precinct, Fourth judicial division, Territory of Alaska, together with all improvements, ditches, mining tools and equipment on, in and about any of the above described mining claims and used in the operation and working thereof at the time of the giving of the mortgage foreclosed in this action; also all the gold and gold dust, gold-bearing earth, rock and gravel therein contained; and that I will, accordingly, offer said real estate for sale, at public vendue, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1924, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the office of the United States Marshal at Flat, Alaska.

Dated Flat, Alaska, December 13, A. D. 1923

G. B. STEVENS,  
U. S. Marshal, Fourth Division,  
District of Alaska.  
ALBRECHT AND TAYLOR,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

At McGrath, Manager L. B. Co., had a number dinner. Those present Mrs. Leon G. I. Frank Larson, M. Lawrie, Mrs. S. Anderson, Miss Frances Larson,

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### Tokotna Radio

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I am running against (or they are running against me) three men of whose personality and ability I shall say nothing. Murray C. Smith, the republican nominee, is a fine type of a man, but his electioneering pamphlets give as his idea of the way to prevent the rape of the Territory by Juneau to "conciliate" them. I do not know the meaning of that word, when confronted by holdup artists. They have shown their hand, and are out to cut our representation in two, which would mean the cutting of our natural appropriation in two. The only conciliation they are entitled to should be administered with a double-bitted axe.

The democratic candidate, Harry E. Pratt, is an able lawyer and a fine young gentleman—a scholarly young man. He would obey your wishes if you elect him, which is according to the rules of the game. I cannot promise to do that—I would "obey that impulse," and "do it now," on the minute the contingency arose. Unless you believe that I, at 60, with a practical political experience in two countries and most all states, know what to do in any event I am apt to run up against at Juneau, you should not vote for me.

The third candidate, also independent, I have never met to know him. They tell me he is a good speaker and a live worker. I do not come in either class. I am a good listener and a good under-cover worker, which latter qualification has enabled me to be the sole support of on average of fourteen people for the past thirty years and the indirect support of about 11,000 people.

Politics is a game that no sensible man in this day and age need take seriously from a party standpoint. Politics has had the whole world fooled—all save the politicians on the "inside," looking out and enjoying the passing show. But, with reappportionment coming and this division due to lose what is its own, and to Juneau, it is up to you to have a little sense and send the safest and sanest and most experienced men you can get to the next session. And if the "experienced" men have not in the past gotten results at Juneau as they should, then your experience with them should be enough to keep you from again committing the crime against your own interests of "sending boys to mill." We sent our boys out last session to get needed money for the College; they waited until the last minute of the session and came back with half they went after. They are not 100 per cent good workers.

As I tell you, I am not anxious to be

elected—only for your better protection at Juneau. In fact, I am sorry that I "spoke" last winter. Still, I am in the race (just this much).

Sincerely,  
W. F. THOMPSON.

## Distances Between Nenana and Flat

	Miles.
Nenana to Tavern.....	17
Tavern to Knight's.....	24
Knight's to 19 roadhouse.....	19
19 roadhouse to Rifle Pole roadhouse.....	8
Rifle Pole roadhouse to Diamond Diamond roadhouse to Roosevelt.....	11
Roosevelt to Lake Minchumina.....	13
Lake Minchumina to Lone Star roadhouse.....	25
Lone Star to Telida.....	34
Telida to Tent roadhouse.....	18
Tent roadhouse to Slow Fork.....	10
Slow Fork to East Fork.....	6
East Fork to Nicoll.....	22
Nicoll to Big River.....	10
Big River roadhouse to McGrath.....	21
McGrath to Tokotna.....	25
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From Nenana to Tokotna.....	281
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Jerry's to Shermeyer's roadhouse.....	27
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From Nenana to Flat.....	387

The United States may be awful, but it is about the only place where the people don't want to move to another country.—Columbia Record.

Four Horses for sale. Inquire John Heino.

### Notice of Marshal's Sale.

United States of America, } ss.  
Territory of Alaska

Public notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias (or execution), dated September 1st, A. D. 1924, issued out of the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Fourth Division, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1924, in favor of the Northern Commercial Company, a corporation, and against John Vogtor, I have, on this 4th day of October, A. D. 1924, levied upon the following described real estate, situated in Innoko Precinct, Fourth Division, Territory of Alaska, to-wit:

All of the right, title and interest of the said John Vogtor (the same being an undivided one-third interest) in and to that certain placer mining claim known and described as the Yaeger Bench claim, situated opposite creek claim No. 1 Above Discovery on Ganes creek, in Innoko precinct, Fourth division of Alaska.

Also all the right, title and interest of the said John Vogtor in and to that certain placer mining claim known and

described as the Gulch Fraction claim, situated between the said Yaeger Bench claim and the Minnie Bench claim, on the right bank of Ganes creek, in the Innoko precinct, Fourth division of Alaska.

Also all the right, title and interest of the said John Vogtor in and to that certain placer mining claim known as No. 1 Below Discovery Bench, left bank on Ganes creek, in said Innoko precinct, Fourth division of Alaska.

Also all the right, title and interest of the said John Vogtor in and to that certain placer mining claim known and described as Creek Claim No. 4 Below Discovery on Ganes creek, in said Innoko precinct, Fourth division of Alaska.

And that I will, accordingly, offer said real estate for sale, at public vendue, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1924, at two o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the United States Marshal's Office at McGrath, in the Fourth division of Alaska.

Dated McGrath, Alaska, October 4th, A. D. 1924.

G. B. STEVENS,  
U. S. Marshal, Fourth  
Division of Alaska.  
By Peter McMullen,  
Deputy.

Albrecht and Taylor,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

### NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To B T. James, John Holmgren, Charles Knell, Ed McCardle, Charles E. Taylor, George W. Albrecht, their respective heirs, executors and assigns:

You are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) each year during the years of 1922 and 1923, making a total of two hundred dollars (\$200), in labor and improvements on each of the following placer mining claims: No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 above on Moore creek, making a total of \$600, in the Mt. McKinley recording precinct, Alaska. All of the said expenditure was made to hold said claims under the provisions of Section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States, and all amendments thereto.

and the laws of the Territory of Alaska concerning the said claims, being the said July 1st, 1924, and

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TOKONA, ALASKA, APR. 11, 1925

## Portage Between Minchumina and Kuskokwim to Be Surveyed

A survey of the portage between Lake Minchumina and the Kuskokwim river will be made during the coming season, according to Colonel James G. Steese, president of the Alaska Road Commission, as indicated by the following correspondence:

Following receipt of the resolution adopted by Tokona Igloo of Pioneers, asking for a summer mail route via Lake Minchumina, Representative H. H. Ross, of Fairbanks, promptly took the matter up with Col. Steese, who with equal promptness expressed his eagerness to do any work that will facilitate the delivery of Interior mails. The correspondence follows:

Juneau, March 12, 1925.

Col. J. G. Steese,  
 Pres. Alaska Road Commission,  
 Juneau, Alaska:

Dear Sir— I am enclosing herewith a map and letters in regard to a survey of the portage between Lake Minchumina and the Kuskokwim river. I have been requested to ask the Alaska Road Commission to make this survey or if necessary to try to pass a resolution by the Legislature, requiring the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners to make such survey. I believe it better that the Alaska Road Commission should make the survey and, if found advisable, trust that you can allow the necessary funds for the road or trail construction.

The people of the Kuskokwim river

are very anxious to have a mail route through that way, if found feasible, as their present summer mail service is very poor. I understand that the Post Office Inspector, Mr. Watsler, would like to recommend the routing of the mail that way, but cannot do so until there has been an official survey of the portage.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, and trusting that you can comply with this request, I am

Very truly yours,

H. H. ROSS,  
 Representative Fourth Division, Alaska Territorial Legislature.

Juneau, March 12, 1925.

Mr. H. H. Ross,  
 Territorial Legislature,  
 Juneau, Alaska:

My Dear Mr. Ross—Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th inst. with reference to survey of the portage between Lake Minchumina and the Kuskokwim river; also accompanying letter from Peter McMullen with sketch and clipping from The Kusko Times; also letter from W. J. Widman of McGrath and accompanying letter concerning correspondence between the Schwabacher Hardware Co. and the Innoko Lumber Co.

In reply I have to advise that this examination will be made during the coming season in order that we may determine just what improvements could be made to the portage and the approximate cost thereof.

One of our primary functions is the assistance in the way of trail construction in order to expedite the U. S. mail service. We are always prepared to make such examination and are also prepared to stake or otherwise fix up any trail designed to be used by the Postoffice Department for the delivery of the Interior mails.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JAS. G. STEESE,  
 President Alaska Road Commission.

## Arrested On Charge of Annoying President

New York.—Rabbi E. B. M. Browne, head of the American Jewish seventy elders, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Calvin Coolidge, Mrs. Coolidge and Frank Stearns, accused of annoying the President by demanding \$12,500, as half of the sum the American Jewish elders spent in campaigning for Coolidge last year.

Browne, who is 72 years old, produced letters from Presidents Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Harding, and was paroled from custody.

Secret service men testified that the Coolidges and Stearns answered many

## Dredge Will Operate On Bear Ck. Lower Kuskokwim, in 1926

R. T. Hirsch, at the head of operations of the New York Alaska Gold Mining Company, was a Monday arrival en route to the company's workings, on Bear creek.

Coming up on the W. H. Dupper, Captain Lawley's new boat, will be the material for the dredge to be installed on the company's property. This dredge, according to Mr. Hirsch, will be of the screen-bum type, with four-foot buckets, and capable of digging eighteen feet. From its water terminal, the dredge will be hauled next winter to Bear creek, where it will be assembled in the spring and placed in early operation.

Speaking of the New York-Alaska Company and its projected operations, the Alaska Weekly, Seattle, says:

"The New York-Alaska Gold Mining Company, which controls a large area of placer ground on Bear creek, a tributary of the Tulkisak river, in the Lower Kuskokwim country, will install one, and possibly two dredges on that stream this season. For the past four years the company, under the direction of General Manager Walbridge and Mining Engineer Hirsch, has carried on exploration work, employing drills in the operations. The results have been satisfactory, indeed better than expected, according to reliable information.

"The New York-Alaska Gold Mining Company has been financed entirely in New York city, and the head office of the concern is located there. After acquiring the property, under option, Mining Engineer Hirsch was sent to the scene, and soon thereafter drilling operations began. The ground has now been sufficiently proved to justify the installation of one, and possibly two dredges, this season."

Also arriving here with Mr. Hirsch, on their way to Bear creek, were Robert Martin, assistant engineer, and Merwin Anderson, of Fairbanks, all of whom, after a short stay here, left for Ophir, on the way to their destination.

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## Govt. Asks Recovery of Profits Paid On Cost-Plus Contracts.

Philadelphia, April 24.—The first suit in this district for the recovery of profits paid on cost-plus contracts for war work was filed in the federal court here today against the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in which the government asks for the return of overpayments of \$15,000,000 made to the corporation on ship construction contracts exceeding \$50,000,000.

A. R. Eldridge, McGrath merchant, arrived here today for a shore business visit.

## Col. Steese Says Road to Ophir Will Be Completed Present Season

In a letter recently received from Dan Sutherland, Delegate from Alaska, he mentions the subject of road construction in the interior of Alaska. The following paragraph is of particular interest:

"I have taken up the matter of the Long Tokovna road with Colonel James G. Steese, recently, and he informed me that there was about \$35,000 spent on the Tokovna end of the road this past season. He tells me that it is his intention to fully complete the road into the town of Ophir next season, and it is his purpose to spend at least \$35,000 on that end of the project, and somewhat more provided he obtains an increase in appropriation from Congress. I have been urging the enlarged allotment for this project for some time, as I believe that if this road could be completed from either end into the Orippe creek country it would bring about considerable placer and perhaps quartz mining development. I have long believed that in the unfrozen ground on Orippe there must be some good placer deposits, but believe a drill will be required to demonstrate value."

The dance at the Larson & Clogh Roadhouse last Saturday evening was voted by everyone present the best of the season. Dancing to the Ldwrie music started at 9 o'clock and continued until 3 a. m. The Cloghs kept an excellent buffet lunch ready for anyone desiring to partake of same.

From McGrath the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Mutchler, Mrs. E. M. Mönch, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Demientieff, Miss Elizabeth Egnak, Peter Michel, Captain George Green, Owen Gray, Moody Green, Ed Stevenson.

Dave Mutchler treated a number of friends to a dinner at his home last Sunday evening. Mrs. B. J. Boyd and Mrs. Essie Gates acting as hostesses for the occasion. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Mutchler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovrie, Miss Bessie Fred, Arthur L'heureux, Jiko Ebelmas, Frank Larson, A. P. Payne, A. E. Grant.

Owen Gray arrived Friday, bringing a heavy load of freight from McGrath.

Billy Case was a Tuesday arrival from McGrath.

## Recent Amendment Alaska Mining Law

The following is set to modify and amend the mining laws in their application to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes, was approved March 3, 1925:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 4 of the Act of Congress of August 1, 1912, section 129d Compiled laws of Alaska, entitled "An Act to modify and amend the mining laws in their application to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," be amended to read as follows: "Sec. 4. That no placer mining claim hereafter located in Alaska shall be patented which shall enclose a greater area than is fixed by law, nor which is larger than three times its greatest width as determined by a transverse line drawn within the lines of the claim and at right angles to its longest side. Provided, That where any isolated parcel of placer ground lies between and adjoins patented or validly located claims on all of its sides and is not over thirteen hundred and twenty feet in length this dimensional restriction shall not apply."

Louis Blackburn and Mrs. E. M. Marsh were Thursday arrivals, and returned to McGrath yesterday. Their arrival at the latter place, however, was not made in the manner anticipated, for several miles from their destination, on a sidling piece of trail, there was an overturning of the sled, a passenger sled was left on the trail, and to cap it all, the gallant conveyer lost hold of brake and handlebars, following which, once over, the horses made a record run to McGrath.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the Commissioner's Court, at Ophir, Inupok Precinct, Fourth Division, Territory of Alaska, before Christian Bolger, U. S. Commissioner and ex-officio probate judge.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Mohrdick, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Peter Mohrdick, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to present same, duly verified, with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned, at Ophir, Alaska, within six (6) months from date of this notice.

Dated Ophir, Alaska, April 24, 1925.  
JOHN K. KILGORE,  
Administrator.  
First publication, April 25, 1925.  
Last publication, May 18, 1925.

Mrs. B. J. Boyd and such in her own sled, and Dave Mutchler on the handlebars, were Grath Friday afternoon. intention of returning home, accompanied by Mrs. Bessie, who has been days' visit at the home George Mutchler.

Sid Paulson, after a couple of days, returned day evening.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the Probate Court, Precinct, Fourth Division, Territory of Alaska, before United States and ex-officio Probate Judge, in the matter of the estate of W. Lewis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given designed has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of W. Lewis, deceased.

All persons having said estate are required to present same, duly verified, vouchers attached, to the undersigned, at Raby, Alaska, within six (6) months from the date of this notice.  
Dated Raby, Alaska, April 24, 1925.  
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JOHN W. DUNK,  
Attorney.  
First publication, April 25, 1925.  
Last publication, May 18, 1925.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of the late E. Kravitz, Fullerton, deceased, heretofore, to-wit, on March 19, 1925, been issued signed, all persons against said estate are required to present same, duly verified, vouchers attached, to the undersigned, at the office of the undersigned, at Raby, Alaska, within six (6) months from the date of this notice.  
Dated: March 19, 1925.  
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remain for a period of indefinite duration.

Bertha Albright host to a number of friends at a dinner party given some days ago, the dinner being prepared and served by herself at Ike Hayes' apartments. Those present were: Frank Larson, Frank Guskey, A. L. Heureux, Halfdan Wiig, Jeanne Daniels, John Novak, Harry Menzoff, Mrs. W. H. Jones, John Adams, Owen Gray, Johnson Sosov, Ike Hayes.

Carl Lottfeldt's Thanksgiving dinner party, prepared by Mrs. W. H. Jones, had as his guests the following: Miss Virginia Strand, Lars Indegard, Owen Gray, Harry Menzoff, John Adams.

Carl Lottfeldt was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by Arthur L. Heureux, a day or two prior to the former's departure for the Lower Kuskokwim. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. W. H. Jones, and those present were: Carl Lottfeldt, W. H. Jones, Frank Guskey, Frank Larson, Lars Indegard, John Adams, Miss Virginia Strand, Halfdan Wiig, John Novak, A. X. Grant.

A pleasant dinner party given a few days ago was that at which Harry Menzoff was host. The dinner was served by Mrs. W. H. Jones, and the guests were: Charles Nichols, William Jones, John Adams, Arthur L. Heureux, Mike Hayes, Carl Lottfeldt, Miss Virginia Strand, Frank Larson, Frank Guskey, John Novak.

Mrs. Robert Lowrie, at the home of Chris Nelson, on Monday evening last, entertained several friends at dinner. Those seated were: Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie, Chris Nelson, Halfdan Wiig, Claude Nyberg, Henry Martella, A. X. Grant.

At the Takotna Roadhouse, Thursday night, D. W. Peck was host to a number of friends at an excellent dinner, prepared by Mrs. Taulman. Seated at the table were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowrie, Mrs. Chester Brink, Miss Virginia Strand, Mrs. Clara Taulman, D. W. Peck, Chris Nelson, A. X. Grant.

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### TABLE OF DISTANCES BETWEEN NENANA AND FLAT

Following are the approximate distances from Nenana to Telida:

Route	Miles
Nenana to Tavern	17
Tavern to Knight's	24
Knight's to 19 Roadhouse	19
19 Roadhouse to Riffle Pole Roadhouse	8
Riffle Pole Roadhouse to Diamond	11
Diamond Roadhouse to Roosevelt	13
Roosevelt to Lake Minchumina	25
Lake Minchumina to Lone Star Roadhouse	16
Lone Star to Telida	15
Total	169

The following figures, showing the distances from Nenana to Flat, are furnished by Matt Vaughn, of the Alaska Road Commission, who returned here recently from a trip as far as Telida, during which the measurements were made:

From Telida to Flat	From R. R.
Telido	169
Slow Fork	186 1/2
East Fork	206
Berry Landing	227 1/2
McGrath	263
Takotna	269 1/2
Yankee Creek	291 1/2
Ophir	300
McCaferly	306
Brown Creek shelter cabin	318
Fritz shelter cabin	333
First Chance shelter cabin	346
Schermeyer R.A.H.	360
Iditarod	376
Flat	384
Bonanza shelter cabin, 12 miles from Flat	396
Crooked Creek shelter cabin, 19 miles from Bonanza	403

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**SUPT. CARL LOTTSELDT  
TALKS OF WORK DONE FOR  
THE KUSKOKWIM REGION**

Having completed a dog team trip of 980 miles through the Kuskokwim country from Takotna to Kanatak on the Alaska peninsula, which occupied a period of nearly two months, Carl E. Lottsfeldt, superintendent of the Alaska Road Commission in the Kuskokwim country, arrived in Juneau recently to compile his report for the Commission. Lottsfeldt made an inspection of winter trails and shelter cabins constructed by the Commission in the Kuskokwim and is the first official to undertake such a mission in the past three years. He was accompanied on his trip by Lars Indegard.

The chief work which claimed Mr. Lottsfeldt's attention was the relocation of a 36-mile winter trail between Flat and Holy Cross. He and Indegard also placed mile posts from Telida to Flat.

Four new shelter cabins were constructed in the Kuskokwim country last fall—one on the Iditarod-Shagluk trail at the Little Yentna river, the second at the foothills on the Tuliksak-Bear creek trail, and the third and fourth on the trail between Apok station and Quinhagak.

The winter trails and the shelter cabins are all in good shape, Lottsfeldt told the Juneau Empire.

Lottsfeldt and Indegard left Takotna November 30 last and followed the regular trail across country, going through Flat and Holy Cross and down the Yukon river to Paimute, across the portage to Kaltshak on the Kuskokwim river. From that point the trail goes down the Kuskokwim river to Bethel, thence along the coast to Good News Bay, on to Dillingham, thence to Naknek on the Alaska peninsula, and on to Ugaguk, up the Ugaguk river to Racharof lake and thence to Kanatak, where connections are made with the steamer Starr for Seward. They reached Kanatak January 17. Christmas day Lottsfeldt and Indegard spent in a shelter cabin on Indian river, between Good News Bay and Quinhagak. Their Christmas dinner consisted of beans and deer steaks. New Year's eve they were "siwashing" it in a snow bank on the trail.

The season is one of the best for trapping red fox that has been known in years in the Kuskokwim country, according to Lottsfeldt. Some of the Indian trappers are catching as much as one fox every day. Prices are reported to be very good.

A total of 1,500 red fox skins were shipped on the steamer Starr at Kanatak on the trip last month. Lottsfeldt stated, and the entire fur shipment made from that point was said to aggregate about \$50,000.

The country is well filled with fur

buyers, Lottsfeldt said, and a number of comical incidents occur in their work. Two buyers were said to leave Kanatak at the same time with dog teams racing for the same objective, and one, on discovering that his dog team was bested by that of his competitor, returned to Kanatak, got into a poker game with a party of men, including trappers from whom he had purchased furs, and won a large sum of money, among which was the amount he had paid the trappers for their furs.

Two other buyers were on the trail together, it was said, when differences arose, chiefly over an axe. One had two axes, while the other had none, and the buyer who possessed the necessary trail implements sold one to his companion for \$10, the original cost having been \$2.50. A fight among their dogs finally terminated what might have resulted in a similar fray between the two men, according to the story.

It was said that on another occasion a fur buyer who preceded another on the trail told the Indians as he passed along that the man following him was a prohibition agent, with the result that the Indians took to the hills and the unfortunate and unenlightened buyer had difficulty in securing even dog feed, let alone a cargo of furs.

Lottsfeldt has been superintendent in the Kuskokwim country for the Alaska Road Commission some time, and will return this spring to continue his work. The chief operations completed last summer, he said, were the completion of a three-mile road between Takotna and Ophir and construction of an additional mile and one-half to the Little creek road to the Ophir mining country, serving the Flume Dredging Company and several smaller operators in the Little creek district.

**"ICE CONCRETE" A LATE INVENTION FROM FINLAND**

"Ice concrete" is the name of a new, porous and light building material recently invented in Finland. This new substance is made of cement and sand, like any other concrete, but it differs greatly from ordinary concrete in that it has been made extremely porous by mixing it with crushed ice and snow. Then the moisture is evaporated through heating. By this process the block or brick is honeycombed evenly by the tiny pores. No additional water in composition is needed, since the water required is formed through the melting of the ice or snow. The degree of porousness of this concrete can be accurately determined in advance by the quality of ice or snow used. Consequently the weight of the material is in direct relation to the number and size of the pores. It is possible to

use as much as from 50 to 80 per cent of ice or snow in the mixture, thus producing millions of minute pores throughout the material. In Finland, Sweden and Denmark numerous buildings have been erected, using ice concrete.

**HEALTH SERVICE WARNS AGAINST RABBIT FEVER**

WASHINGTON.—Warning to the public in general against a serious and often fatal disease known as rabbit fever or deer fly fever has been issued by Paul G. Redington, chief of the Biological Survey, and approved by the public health service.

The disease has spread so widely that a public warning was considered advisable. It is a plague like disease of rodents, transmissible to human beings, and of 500 human cases reported in this country 20 have terminated in death.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

All persons having claims against the estate of Arthur Kirk, deceased, or against the firm of Lindfors & Kirk, are hereby required to present the same, under oath, to the undersigned, administrator of the said estate, at his residence in the town of Flat, Alaska, on or before the 31st day of May, 1928.

Dated, at F., Alaska, November 28, 1927.

HARRY DONNELLEY,  
Administrator of the estate of Arthur Kirk, deceased.

**ORDE RAND  
NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION  
To Be Held On Tuesday, April 24,  
1928.**

In the Office of the United States Commissioner at McGrath, Alaska, Fourth Judicial Division.

Now on this day, pursuant to Chapter 39, Session Laws of Alaska, approved May 3, 1919, entitled "An Act to Provide for the holding of primary elections in the Territory of Alaska to fix the manner and time of holding the same, to prescribe the qualifications of candidates to be nominated at such elections, and to designate the manner of filing and authenticating their candidacy, and for other purposes," and in conformity therewith

It is hereby ordered that for the purpose of the primary election to be held on April 24, 1928, all of the territory in the recording district known as Mt. McKinley Recording District, outside of incorporated towns, is hereby divided into voting precincts, in each of which a polling place is hereby specified.

Said voting precincts are described and bounded as follows:

Polling Place, Precinct No. 1, at U. S. Commissioner's Office, Grath, all the territory from the head of the Kuskokwim river down to Swift River, and all of its tributaries, except Takotna river from the mouth of Nixon river, to the head, and all its tributaries, which shall be in Precinct No. 2, Polling Place at Pioneer Hall, Takotna.

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 1928, for the purpose of nominating candidates to the various political parties for the following offices to wit:

The rule in the worst business today is all bare.—Arkansas Gazette

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**L. D. HENDERSON TELLS  
OF TRIP ACROSS YUKON-  
KUSKOKWIM PORTAGE**

(Alaska School Bulletin)

The portage between the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers may be Greek to some Alaskans, but it is an open book to those of us who have ridden, mushed, waded, pulled, and packed it. Portaging is both an art and a science. To Charles Jacobsen, veteran mail carrier between Russian Mission, on the Yukon, and Bethel, near the mouth of the Kuskokwim, it is all in the day's work, and at that the day begins at 6 a. m. and lasts until the wee small hours of the following morning. Four such days are consumed on the trip, so it is no special handicap to a mail carrier if he sands 6 feet 2 inches in his water mukluks and weighs 220 pounds, as does Mr. Jacobsen.

The reader should not get the impression that the traveler on the portage observes such strenuous hours. He may tuck himself in beneath his mosquito-proof bed net at 9 p. m. if he so desires and be awakened by the odor of bacon and eggs at 6 a. m. Lamenting Mr. Jacobsen and his crew of Eskimo boys have been busily engaged in packing several tons of mail, baggage, gasoline, food, freight, and boats across a mile of spongy tundra to the next lake or stream in order to be ready for the early morning start. We have no idea what Uncle Sam pays for this mail contract, but we are positive that any amount approaching what it once cost to persuade Jack Dempsey to don the gloves is actually earned.

It is approximately 25 miles from the left bank of the Yukon to the right bank of the Kuskokwim as the crow flies, and 120 miles by the traveled portage route. The disparity in these figures will give some small idea of how the small streams which are traversed wind and wind. We left Russian Mission at 6 a. m. on August 7 in two boats, one open and propelled by a Johnson outboard motor, and the other a canvas covered launch. The party consisted of four men, one woman, and seven children, the youngest six weeks of age, in addition to boat crews. Our cargo was made up of several hundred pounds of mail for Kuskokwim river points, besides baggage and the necessary food and gasoline to keep passengers and engines going. The weather was clear and continued so throughout the journey, an exceptional occurrence. We rejoiced at this. It requires no great stretch of the imagination to picture the discomforts of travel in open boats and on foot across such a region in a steady, downpour of rain.

The Tatlawicksack river flows into the Yukon opposite Russian Mission. We entered the stream and breasted its sluggish current a distance of 40

miles to what is termed the high portage. This portage is about one-half mile across. Its name, the high portage, is derived from the fact that the ground between the river landing and a small lake, the next waterway, rises about 100 feet above water level, thus necessitating a climb, whereas the remaining portages are flat and marshy and a few feet only above the level of lakes and streams which touch them. One or two boats were abandoned at the river landing, and mail, baggage and personal freight carried across the portage to small lake where two open boats propelled camped for the first night on the by outboard motors awaited us. We shore of this lake, the men of the party giving over the shelter cabin to the use of the woman passenger and her children and pitching a tent for their own use. Yes, there were plenty of mosquitoes.

We began the second day by crossing a chain of lakes connected by small streams. That is, all lakes but two were thus connected. A mile of tundra, the second portage, connects these two, and boats, mail, baggage, etc., were dragged across this portage by man power. One lake, Grassy lake, is of particular interest. It is several miles wide and, as its name implies, presents to the view the appearance of a broad grassy plain. One who attempts to walk across this region, however, will need pon-grass grows in water several feet toons in place of shoes since the tall deep. A winding lane, kept free of grass by engine propeller blades, is followed across the lake, which finally terminates in Crooked creek, most aptly named. After winding down this creek a distance of 36 miles our boats entered Johnson river, of which Crooked creek is a tributary. We journeyed up this river for 15 miles to the third portage, a mile in width, arriving at nightfall of the second day. By the time mail, boats, and baggage had been dragged across the mile of tundra separating Johnson river from a small lake, our next waterway, we were ready for a night's repose in shelter cabin and tent.

The third day opened with a boat ride of 100 yards across a small lake, followed by an overland journey of the same length to Mud creek, a tributary of the Kuskokwim river. Again boats and contents had to be dragged and carried from the lake to the creek. Down this creek our trusty Johnson outboard motors propelled us a distance of 12 miles to the broad expanse of the Kuskokwim. It is easy going from this point to Bethel, 120 miles down river, and the end of the mail route.

Some time in the not distant future the residents of this section of Alaska hope to have the distance between Alaska's two great rivers shortened and the journey made easier through the construction of a few short

I have hunted grizzlies and have never been attacked. But I know a man who had the whole top of his scalp torn off by a grizzly while peacefully walking along a mountain trail. This man is firmly convinced that his bear nursed a deep-seated grudge against mankind in general and himself in particular."

The Governor then proceeds with more than a dozen instances of unprovoked attacks by grizzly and brown bears that came under his observation while he was Governor of Alaska. He gives names, dates and circumstances. He also refers to the fact that the Governor's office in Juneau contains the data of many other cases.

Governor Riggs used the aggressiveness of both brown and grizzly bears to prove his case because the Biological Survey puts them in the same classification.

Of course, Governor Riggs is right. The case against the Alaskan bears, browns and grizzlies, has been proven so often that it causes one to wonder why the discussion now. And, probably more than any other one man, Governor Riggs gathered the evidence to cinch the argument.—Juneau Empire.

**The Gay Old Trader.**

Trader Horn, the aged litterateur, was congratulated by a New York girl reporter on the zest with which she went the rounds of New York dinner parties, teas and receptions.

"Well, you see, I enjoy it all, my girl," said the old trader, "I'm not like the scientist.

"A lady reproached the scientist for refusing to go out into society.

"'It must bore you dreadfully,' she said. 'Work, work, work, nothing but work all the time.'

"'I'm only bored, ma'am,' the scientist explained, 'when being entertained.'"

Are you a Kusko Times subscriber? Why not?

**TABLE OF DISTANCES BETWEEN NENANA AND FLAT**

	Miles
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Tavern Roadhouse	17 1/2
Knight's Roadhouse	11 1/2
Nineteen-Mile Roadhouse	58
Diamond Roadhouse	76
Roosevelt	89
Lake Minchumina	115
Trappers' Cabin	132
Lone Star Roadhouse	150
Telida Roadhouse	169 1/2
Slow Fork Roadhouse	187
East Fork Roadhouse	206
Berry's Landing Roadhouse	227 1/2
Big River Roadhouse	241
McGrath	263
Takotna	280
Bill Goss' Roadhouse	291
Ophir	300
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**MATT VAUGHN, OF A. R. C. RETURNS FROM BETHEL TRIP**

Matt Vaughn, well known A. R. C. foreman, was among Thursday's arrivals, returning here from a trip to Bethel, during which he made inspection of road and trail matters en route. Mr. Vaughn left Flat early in November, going by way of Holy Cross and the Pimute-Kalahak portage to Bethel. Returning, he came from Bethel to Ohagamute, thence to Akiak, thence via Crooked Creek to Bethel.

Returning from Bethel, Mr. Vaughn, tripoded the winter trail and staked the lakes between Pimute and Kalahak. The river was staked with willows all the way from Bethel to the mouth of Crooked, the stakes being set about 200 feet apart. The

route is that ordinarily used by mail carriers and travelers generally, for whom it will be a great convenience. A new shelter cabin, a frame building, was built here, between Pimute and Kalahak. The Road Commission also put in a new shelter cabin on the Kuskoowim, 18 miles up from Tulikasak.

**LETTER TELLS OF OLDTIMERS**

Mrs. George Mutchler, well known oldtimer and former McGrathite, writing from Fairbanks, to a Taktina friend, states that the Eighteen Mile Roadhouse, now operated by Mr. and Mrs. Mutchler, was the scene a few days previous of a sumptuous dinner for a bunch of oldtimers from this section, among whom were Lars Ingard, Arthur L'Heureux, Al Colwell, Halfdan Wiig, Carl Lottsfeldt, Milton Rice, Tony Gularte, Mr. Gularte, and Miss Jean Danielsen.

Mrs. Mutchler, continuing, says: "Jack Mutchler is getting along nicely after his accident. He is able to walk with a cane now, he wrote, and told me that it wouldn't be long now until he would be able to dance. Dave just got back to Seattle from St. Paul, where he went to visit his boys. Jack and Dave are going to make a trip to California by auto. Jack has a swell new auto, so intends to try to enjoy it now. I guess after being laid up so long."

Donald LaChance, of Willow creek in the Flat section, a well known oldtimer, was a Thursday arrival, traveling from Flat with Matt Vaughn. Mr. LaChance left Friday, headed for Fairbanks, where he will make a short stay, and from which place he may possibly continue on his way to the Outside.

Anthony Sweeney, former fellow townsman, is putting in the winter at Glasgow, Scotland, according to a letter recently received by Bert Good, pastor.

Dick Stevenson returned Sunday from a trip to McGrath, departing on Wednesday for Hans.

**McGRATH NOTES**

McGRATH Jan. 24. Mrs. Wailla, widow of Wailla, who drowned about a year ago up the Nix, died at Big River a few days ago.

Don McRay, well known oldtimer, is down from Big River.

Joe Wills, from the Sheep Creek district, is a recent arrival.

Jack Stewart, another well known oldtimer, is among recent arrivals.

Clint Winst, after a couple of days in town, left Tuesday for his headquarters up the East Fork.

Bert Demientien, from the Soda Springs section, was a Tuesday arrival.

Jease Raugh was a Monday arrival, returning to Ophi on Thursday.

In the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Fourth Division, Hans S. Hanson, plaintiff, vs. Dan Nicholson, and Mrs. William M. Graves, defendants, No. 3058, Alias Summons.

The President of the United States of America, to the above named defendant Mrs. William M. Graves, greeting:

You are hereby notified to appear in the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Fourth Division, within thirty days after the last publication of this Summons, to wit, within thirty days after February 2, 1928, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, as set forth in the above entitled Court.

That in said action the plaintiff demands judgment against you in the sum of \$844.00 and interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from August 17, 1927, and the further sum of \$200.00 for preparing and recording Notice of Laborer's liens; also for \$300.00 attorneys' fees and the costs and disbursements of this action. And that the said laborer's liens be foreclosed in the manner provided by law and that your rights and interests in the Bonanza Group on Little Creek, in the Innok District, Fourth Division of Alaska, be sold to satisfy the said judgment, costs and attorneys' fees.

And in the event you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for want thereof and will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, as aforesaid.

This Summons was ordered served by publication thereof by order of the above Court, dated November 8th, 1928.

Witness the Honorable Cecil H. Clegg, Judge of said Court, and the Seal thereof hereunto affixed on this 14th day of November, 1928.

ROBERT W. TAYLOR, Clerk.  
By Ed Tonseth, Deputy Clerk.  
First publication Dec. 22; last publication Feb. 15, 1928.

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Harry Madison, deceased, and the Probate Court for Inok District has fixed the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

McGrath, Alaska, where he returned from some time ago. Henry Martell and son were among those who returned to town today. Hailor.

**Diamo Dick Roadhouse**  
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