

# ALASKA IS FABULOUSLY RICH IN TIMBER, FISH AND METALS



CLIFF GOLD MINE AT VALDEZ BAY, ALASKA; FRONT STREET IN NOME; LINCOLN WIRT.

(Editor's note: Lincoln Wirt, F. R. G. S., spent four years in Alaska as United States commissioner of education and established the public schools that are now nearest the north pole. He is probably the best posted man in this country on Alaska and her natural resources. He crossed Alaska, 1,800 miles, in dead of winter with nothing but a dog team in quest of relief for sick, ice-imprisoned miners. The trail he blazed is now the route for the United States mails. He is known in all English-speaking countries as a lecturer of note.)

By LINCOLN WIRT.

When Secretary of the Interior Fisher returned from his Alaskan trip and spoke of the agricultural possibilities of our latest and greatest territory, the world laughed, as it had laughed 45 years before when Secretary of State Seward rewarded Russia's fidelity to the northern cause by purchasing an "iceberg" for \$7,200,000.

But even the astute Seward builded better than he knew when he named his "iceberg" Alaska. Alaska is an Eskimo term signifying "great." Alaska is great. Great in her history, great in the character of her pioneers, great in her undeveloped resources and great in her beckoning future.

We did not want Alaska. Abraham Lincoln and William H. Seward believed it a terra incognita; but Russia needed money. She offered us this territory for ten millions of dollars. The United States congress felt a moral debt of gratitude to our "great friend" and this is the secret "motif" of the Alaskan purchase.

The sum of \$7,200,000 was the compromise, the \$200,000 going to the Russian-American attorneys who negotiated the greatest real estate transaction on record. The rest is familiar history.

The thrilling story of Lieutenant Schwatka's voyage on a raft down the 2,000 miles of the mighty Yukon; the discovery of gold by McQueston at the confluence of the Klondike and the Yukon; the rush of gold seekers in 1897-98; the hardships, the death, the stories of courage; the importation of reindeer; the part played by the half-wild dogs in the exploration of the land; the discovery of coal, copper, oil and fish; the greed of the vested interests; the gigantic scheme of Cunningham, who arrived with four hundred pounds in his vest pocket for coal claims; the swindle which would have been carried out but for Gifford Pinchot and Theodore Roosevelt; the withdrawing of the coal fields from location and the conservation of Alaska's great mineral wealth, all this is the later romantic story of "Seward's Folly."

When we have cut all the lumber from Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Oregon, our lumbermen will track to Alaska and find on the coastward flanks of the Alaskan mountains standing timber enough to build our homes for generations to come.

When all the gold has been dug from California, Australia and South Africa the yellow stream which for ten years has been flowing from Alaska to the tune of \$20,000,000 per annum, will have only begun its flow.

A man once told me he had walked from one bank of the Nushagak river to the opposite bank on the backs of the fish without getting his feet wet. When we remember that over one hundred million dollars has come out of that land in its wealth of canned salmon alone, perhaps you will believe my "fish story."

When all the coal has been dug from Pennsylvania and West Virginia,

## SUNDAY EPIGRAMS IN MISSOULA SERMONS

It is mighty shortsighted to ask Missoula to return to the old grab-and-eat method. I have been told that there has been a decided improvement, even if we have not become a bright and shining light. Give commission government a fair chance.

E. B. Gallagher in his sermon yesterday at the Congregational church.

A drop of blood is better than a barrel of ink. It is the worker who counts—not the sneak.

—Harold H. Griffin in his sermon yesterday at the Christian church.

## SHOWERS AND SNOW ARE PROMISED

UNCLE SAM PREDICTS STORM FOR  
NORTHWEST, BUT IT WILL  
BE WET, NOT COLD.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A varied assortment of winter weather for the different sections of the country was forecast by the weather bureau today for the coming week.

"The week will open with generally unsettled weather except in the northeast, the central Rocky mountain region and the extreme southwest," the bulletin sets forth, "and there will be a moderate cold wave in New England and the middle Atlantic states."

"A disturbance now over the plains states will move eastward attended by a general snow over the northern states and rains over the central and parts over the southern districts from the Missouri and Mississippi valleys eastward and by higher temperatures generally reaching the Atlantic coast Monday night or Tuesday."

"Another marked disturbance now on the north Pacific coast will cause a continuance of the rains and snows west of the Rockies and their extension eastward, probably reaching the Rockies Tuesday, the plains states Tuesday night or Wednesday, the central valley and the lake region Wednesday or Thursday, or the eastern states by Friday."

"It will be followed by clearing weather and more winter temperatures beginning by Tuesday over the far west, by Thursday over the central portion of the country and by the close of the week over the east. After the rains of Monday and Tuesday in the south fair weather will follow probably until near the end of the week and moderate temperatures are now indicated."

then the great Mantaneuska and Berlingford fields, plus those yet to be discovered in the same region, will be turning the wheels of the commerce of the world.

Seal skins are becoming almost prohibitive in price as the supply diminishes, but in Alaska men are learning a better way. Fur-bearing animals are being bred for profit, and many

small islands along the coast are now given up to this profitable industry.

And what shall we say of the copper and oil and other mineral wealth which calls for brains, brawn and capital? Six hundred millions of dollars in wealth has come out of Alaska in the last 20 years, and we have only scratched the surface.

America's Treasure House is hungry for development. She calls for the best men and the best laws America can give. Her splendid pioneers have waited with shackled hands until hope deferred has made the heart sick for the government to make it possible for them to come to their own.

Yes, the interior of Alaska is dark and cold and uninviting many months in each year, but our "cheekhaulers" care for none of these things. They are building an empire if we will let them begin. They have faith, they have vision, they see their darkness illuminated by billions of electric lights. They see their glaciers crossed by the all-conquering railway. They see manufacturing cities rise above their inexhaustible coal measures. It is as warm 50 feet under ground in Alaska as it is 50 feet under ground in Pennsylvania. And the greater wealth of Alaska lies under ground.

All too long have these patriotic settlers waited for the backing which England would have given them, had they been British colonists, ten years ago. But all things come to those who wait.

## CONSOLIDATION UP AGAIN.

Indianapolis, Jan. 25.—Action on the resolution to consolidate the United Mine Workers of America with the Western Federation of Miners will be taken this week, probably Tuesday, by delegates to the convention here. Action on the resolution was put over until this week so that the fraternal delegates from the metal miners could be heard. It is probable that the convention will be able to conclude its work at the end of the week, as the meeting thus far has been devoid of factional fights which delayed proceedings in previous conventions.

## SENATORS PREPARE TO RUSH PROGRAM

Washington, Jan. 25.—How to expedite the anti-trust legislative program outlined to congress last week by President Wilson was the subject of an informal conference today at the home of Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce.

Participating in the conference were the majority members of the committee, Senators Foran, Robinson, Thomas, Thompson, Myers and Sausbury and Representatives Clayton, Floyd and Carlin of the house judiciary sub-committee.

Co-operation of committees in both houses of congress was agreed upon as essential to the best and quickest results in carrying the program to completion and, to this end the suggestion of joint hearings on the bills already prepared met with general favor. That it would be a waste of time for the house committee to hold hearings and the senate committee to follow with others, was the unanimous opinion expressed. Chairman Clayton agreed to submit the subject to the judiciary committee for decision.

## STRONG MOTOR WILL FLY TABLE

BEACHEY SAYS HE CAN NAVIGATE  
AIR WITH ANYTHING THAT  
HAS SUFFICIENT POWER.

## TO TRY LANGLEY MACHINE

Famous Aviator Will Work With  
Flyer Invented by Old Professor,  
Failure of Which Broke Scientist's  
Heart—Smithsonian Institute, Ac-  
cepts Offer.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The Smithsonian institute at Washington accepted today an offer of Aviator Lincoln Beachey to demonstrate the possibility of successful flight in the "flying machine" invented and built by Professor Samuel P. Langley. Beachey was excited when Langley's machine fell into the Potomac river and was said to have broken his heart. Beachey will try to show that the machine was right in every way and needed only a better motor.

A telegram received today from Charles Doolittle Walcott, director of the Smithsonian institution, said that while it would be inadvisable to take out the wrecked machine from its place in the institution, every facility would be afforded to make a perfect reproduction in order that Langley's real success may be shown.

"You can fly a kitchen table if your motor is strong enough," said Beachey. "This is what I want to show." Beachey looped his sixty-seventh loop in 60 days here today in a high wind.

## HEAVY GALE AT SEA.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 25.—That there is a heavy gale at sea today is indicated by the fact that the government barometer here dropped to 28.70 at 8 o'clock this evening. This is the lowest point touched in years. The wind is 73 miles an hour at Northhead and is increasing.

## REBELS NOW FACING CRISIS OF CAMPAIGN

As He Approaches Capital of Country Villa Is Confronted  
by Situation That Is Much More Serious Than One  
Which Was Overcome Farther North.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Jan. 25.—What will be the immediate fortunes of General Francisco Villa's army of 15,000 or more rebels when they pass south of Torreon into the central states of Mexico, received serious consideration today by the rebel leaders. That the rebels will take Torreon they have confidence, although General Refugio Velasco, the federal commander at that point, is believed to be acting on orders from Mexico City to check the revolution there if possible. But what will happen after the defeat of the Torreon federal garrison, should they be defeated, is not so clearly defined in the mind of General Villa.

Heretofore the activities of General Villa's army have been confined chiefly to the border states which were regarded as rebel territory, and the rebel victories have been achieved against federal garrisons that were cut off from communication and from bases of supplies. Unlimited supplies of cattle also were at the service of the rebels in the north.

Southward, the conditions are somewhat changed. Important cities such as Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes and San

## Busy Prospects for Goethals

Builder of Panama Canal Billed for Governorship of  
Isthmus and Then for Construction of Alaskan Railway.



COLONEL GEORGE E. W. GOETHALS.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Colonel George W. Goethals will be made civil governor of the canal zone and when he gets through with his work there an effort will be made to get him to superintend the construction of the proposed Alaskan railways.

This was the opinion expressed by several persons close to the administration today in commenting on reports that the chief engineer eventually would become commissioner of police of New York city.

Mayor Mitchell of New York is expected here on Wednesday to speak at a banquet and it is likely that he will talk with President Wilson about the

status of Colonel Goethals. It is believed the president will tell Mayor Mitchell that he is strongly desirous of keeping Colonel Goethals, so that his engineering ability may not be lost to the United States government.

The president, it became known today, has from the beginning favored the one-man plan of government for the canal zone as proposed by Colonel Goethals, in opposition to the suggestion of a commission.

Secretary Garrison has agreed and it was stated authoritatively today that the administration has intended from the first to name Colonel Goethals as the first civil governor.

## LESS OF THEOLOGY AND MORE OF SENSE

RABBI UPHOLDS TANGO AS EX-  
PRESSION OF DANCING ART—  
DENOUNCES DETRACTORS.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Rabbi Jacob Nieto, addressing the congregation Sherith Israel today, warmly commended the tango and kindred dances and roundly scored those who condemned them.

"The old dances in the early days of the California missions were wise men," said the rabbi. "Every Sunday afternoon they let the people dance and watched them while they did so. In the middle ages the Jewish rabbis had the young people dance every Saturday afternoon in the presence of the parents and all enjoyed it."

"What we need is more common sense and less theology. In the temples of India today young women dance entirely nude. Nobody thinks anything about it. No violence should be connected with dancing."

"The tango danced by cultured persons is beautifully pleasing; by the awkward it appears vulgar. You can take a religious ceremony and make it a farce."

## VILLAGE SUED BY HEAD OF STATE

GOVERNOR WEST TO BRING SUIT  
TO DISINCORPORATE  
COPPERFIELD.

## OFFICIALS MAY WITHDRAW.

If Mayor and City Council Will Resign,  
Governor Will Not Press Suit—Vil-  
lage Alleged by Executive to Be in  
Control of Evil Element and Is Now  
Without Self-Government.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—Governor West has instructed Attorney General Crawford to bring suit immediately to disincorporate Copperfield, the Baker county village that has been kept under martial law for the past three weeks, after the closing of the saloons there by state forces under command of Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's secretary. Simultaneously with the action, Governor West has notified Mayor Stewart of Copperfield of the suit's commencement and told the mayor that the only way to halt the disincorporation proceedings was for the mayor and all other city officials to resign forthwith.

"It being established to the satisfaction of this office," says the governor, in his letter to Attorney General Crawford, "that until taken from them by the military authorities of the state, the government of Copperfield, Ore., was in the hands of a lawless element that was using the charter as a shield for vice and as a protection against criminal prosecution, I hereby request that your office kindly take steps provided by law in order that the act of incorporation may be voided."

## HELENA MILLIONAIRE MAKES NEW DONATION

Helena, Jan. 25.—Bishop Carroll announced in church today that Colonel Thomas Cruise, the millionaire banker of this city, had donated for the new Catholic cathedral in this city a chime of 15 bells, which, it is expected, will be equal to the best in this country. Colonel Cruise recently donated a mammoth pipe organ for the cathedral, which with the chime are intended as a memorial to the banker's late daughter. It was only recently that Colonel Cruise gave \$100,000 for the completion of the cathedral, having given different sums previously as the church was rising from the foundation.

Contracts have just been let with eastern concerns for the manufacture of the chime and the organ.

## GIRL EATEN BY WOLVES.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The long continued cold, especially in the central districts of France is bringing numbers of wolves frantic with hunger, out of the woods. A little girl at La Couquille, near Perigueux, was devoured by wild animals, the searching party finding only a torn pinafore and a few bones. Hunting parties are being organized everywhere.

The temperature in Paris has shown a slight improvement in the last day or two.

## FIVE DIE IN WRECK.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 25.—Five persons are said to have been killed and a large number injured late tonight in a collision between freight passenger trains on the Michigan Central railway about eight miles outside of Jackson. The collision occurred on the river junction division of the road.

## An Efficient Salesman

SECOND-HAND CUTTER, CHEAP.  
222 South Fourth west.

One day, two publications, of this twice-a-day ad brought a purchaser who was glad to get the cutter, which was just what he wanted. The owner was sure there must be a man somewhere who wanted the cutter, but he didn't know where to look for him. He did the wise thing and stated his case in a little class ad. One day, two issues, was all that was needed. For 20 cents, he found a buyer. He lost no time. The little ad did the work. The twice-a-day class ad does the work because it gets everywhere all the time and keeps going. It doesn't stop when the whistle blows. It is not waiting for the call of time. It is not watching the clock. You can get no such service anywhere else, no matter what you pay. And the class ad costs you only two cents a word for a twice-a-day service. Can you beat that for efficiency anywhere? If you're out of work and want a job, the ad will cost you nothing.