

employed in large workshops, so that the year round they will not only be self-supporting, but can have a bank account.

Mr. Arbuckle expects them to earn from \$8 to \$10 a week. The women will pay \$3 weekly board and the men \$4.

RICHEST INDIAN IN THE ARCTIC

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 22.—“Doc” Billum is the most widely-known Indian in Alaska.

“Doc” dresses like this all the time as befits one who is on speaking terms with every woman and child who has ever gone into the copper country in Alaska. Incidentally, one who is accounted among the wealthiest aborigines in the Arctic possession must preserve a certain dignity—and “Doc” sure isn't going to lose out there.

When the first rush into the copper country came in '98, the very first man that got into the country was ferried across the Copper river by “Doc.”

From then until the building of the Copper River and Northwestern railway by the Guggenheims in 1910, the dignified “Doctor” looked into the face of every man that set foot in the country, because all who would go into the country must do it via “Doc's” ferry.

Those were grand days for “Doc” Billum.

Much gold dust trickled through the fingers of the eager stamperders into the palm of the redskin.

There was no regular rate of transportation on the Billum ferry. If you looked like four bits, “Doc” charged you four bits; if



you looked like \$10 it was worth that much to him to take you across.

But if you were broke and would set foot into the famous copper country you were as welcome to the services of the “Doctor” and the “Doctor's” ferry as the biggest McKinley man (U. S. soldiers) that ever came into the land.