

SAM SOLLID BOOSTS ALASKA, LIKE PARADISE, HE ASSERTS

Former Realty Dealer at Conrad and Dutton Widely Known Through Northern Montana Is Back From War and Located at Anchorage; Has Great Future, He Says.

People through this section of Montana will remember Sam A. Sollid, for many years active in real estate at Conrad and Dutton and generally well known as a successful business man. Mr. Sollid, although past the age called in the first draft and almost out of the limit of the second draft, enlisted in the service and went to the front with the American boys because he loved the country of his adoption—Mr. Sollid is a native of the Scandinavian peninsula. He came back and later went to Alaska where he is now located at Anchorage. He is thoroughly in love with Alaska and his letter sent to The Tribune is such as to interest others in what he has found Alaska to be, for it is widely different to the general understanding of the far north country—the Alaska of Mr. Sollid's description. Here is the letter under date of September 8:

"Since many readers of The Tribune are interested in Alaska, and especially in Anchorage, and the government railroad, I am going to try to give as much accurate information as I can from my short stay here. To begin with, we shall dispense with the idea that Alaska is nothing but a mining camp and is only fit for miners, fishermen and hunters. Alaska has hundreds of different kinds of resources that the people in the states know very little about. In Alaska, as in Montana, the first to arrive was the trapper and a nomadic bunch of prospectors. They had little feet; they would make a town one day and desert it the next. Any rumor as to a new strike would set them going. The best strikes developed towns, not so much because of the placer gold found but because of the other natural resources around which would keep the town going. Some of these towns will grow into large cities, on account of their natural locations, the surrounding agricultural regions, and the other resources which will practically make them.

On Cook's Inlet.

"Anchorage is located at the head of Cook's Inlet, the first seaport to be reached on the government railroad from the interior, and doubtless the best located town in Alaska. The surrounding country is enormously rich in coal, gold and other minerals. The town is located in a farming region, practically level for miles. In fact, the territory which can be developed into agricultural land is enormous and will, in course of time, take care of a large population. Very little farming has been done thus far, but sufficient to prove that many varieties of agricultural products can be successfully raised. When I arrived in Anchorage I bought a house and lot, with a garden well grown. Right on this lot were potatoes—big fellows—cabbages, turnips, cauliflower, rhubarb, raspberries, strawberries, and several other varieties of foodstuffs. In front of the house all kinds of flowers, in bloom and in bud, are but a sample of the larger flower gardens on nearly every other place.

"The people of the town tell me that I do not need to worry about food for another month yet. A few blocks from here I can set out a net in the bay at high tide, and at low tide I have a few fine salmon at my disposal. When people here want meat, they can go out in the woods and get a moose—there seems to be plenty of them. Bear are quite common, and some of the town people keep one or two chained up in their back yard. Ducks and geese are also very plentiful. The woods are full of berries of a great many varieties—blueberries, low and high bush cranberries, currants, gooseberries and molts, a berry which is very well known to the Scandinavians. It can be picked here, by the barrel. Indeed, berries of various kinds are so abundant in this country that there is

no doubt but that after a while they will be of great commercial value.

Grain Crops Flourish.

"Oats, barley, wheat, clover and other hay and grain crops flourish here. It is difficult to get some of it cured along the coast on account of the cloudy weather. I believe the rainfall is about 18 inches a year. The silo will have to be adopted largely in the coast regions, although at only a distance of some 50 or 60 miles inland there is plenty of sunshine to dry the crops.

"Anchorage is a town with all modern facilities and as up to date as any town of similar size back in the states—indeed a great deal more so. It is under federal control at present, but I understand that it will be soon incorporated and governed as a municipality in the state. It will no doubt be the home town or city in Alaska, as there is no support at any point along this coast where the climatic conditions are as favorable as here, to building a home city. The government is at this time constructing big docks which no doubt will be enlarged as the country develops and conditions warrant.

"The raising of reindeer is fast developing into a business of note; already there are between 100,000 and 200,000 reindeer in Alaska, and as they are increasing fast, it will soon be no small help in replenishing the meat shortage in the states. There are at this time about 60 companies and private owners in operation. This business is run in the same way as any sheep business—on the range. No hay or winter fodder has to be provided as they feed out all winter, mostly on reindeer moss. This business will in course of time flourish over a large part of arctic Alaska. The fox industry is fast growing into one of large proportions by leaps and bounds, and large fortunes are being made at it in a few years' time.

Railroad to Fairbanks.

"The railroad to Fairbanks is under construction. Before the war, work went ahead fast, but since the war started the appropriations have been small and slow, in fact just about enough to keep the organization together and do the necessary repair work and a little construction. To build a railroad like this one, the money must be in sight a long time before it is really needed, that necessary arrangements can be made for labor and material. The war increased the cost of material and drove a large percentage of the labor out of the country; some went to work in the shipyards, others were taken in the draft. They are slow in coming back—but they are coming and in their train will come hundreds of thousands, and there is plenty of room here.

"The market for agricultural products is practically nothing as yet, but if the

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farmer will go in for the growing of hogs, sheep and cattle, he does not need to worry. When the government opens up the coal mines—which it will before long—and the railroad to the interior is finished, there will be a home market of some importance. At present the fishermen, like geese, come in the spring and go in the fall, but in a short time they will make their home in Alaska.

"The tourist traffic will, as soon as the people in the U. S. A. discover that there is no greater scenery on earth than in Alaska, come here in place of going abroad. Alaskan coast scenery is, without a doubt, the greatest on earth.

"I can sit on my porch and see Mount McKinley, the highest mountain on the American continent, about 200 miles away. And as I sit here looking at this wonderful mountain

"I can hear the tramp of people yet to be; Where but few human feet have trod There soon shall wave the wave of human sea."

"A friend of mine at Conrad wrote and asked me if I had found the rainbow's end. I answer 'No, but I have found the realization of my dreams as to what I believe Paradise ought to be. 'Greetings to friends!'

Two Trains of Boys of First Division Pass Through State

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Harlem, Sept. 27.—Two troop trains, carrying members of the First division, returning home from France, passed through here Wednesday morning, bound for Camp Lewis to be demobilized. This division was the first to be sent across and the last to come back and recently participated in the big military parade in Washington after Pershing returned home.

Choteau Man Brings Home French Bride

Choteau, Sept. 27.—Elmer Weaver, who has kept his marriage secret from his many friends, arrived in Choteau this week accompanied by his wife, who is a native of France and whom he married a short while before embarking for the United States on Sept. 3.

The bride, whose maiden name was Margaret Triquet, was a resident of LaRoche, France, where the groom was stationed during the nine-month term of his foreign service and where he was a member of the motor transport department of the U. S. army. Mrs. Weaver has three brothers, one of whom served for five years in the army and one for a two-year period. Her father is foreman of a car manufacturing plant in his native city in France.

WILL INSTALL ANOTHER CAFE AT WHITEFISH

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Whitefish, Sept. 27.—Peter Paine and G. V. Redmond have entered into a partnership with the installation of a cafe at the Palm Garden cabaret. New fixtures have been installed and a force of union cooks employed. All the up-to-date features have been incorporated in the new institution.

RETURNS FROM PEACE JUBILEE OF MACCABEES

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Cut Bank, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Arthur Purcell has returned from Port Huron, Mich., where she attended the peace jubilee as a delegate from the local lodge of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

Chouteau County Jail Gives Up Its One Lone Prisoner

Fort Benton, Sept. 27.—With the removal therefrom of John Stafford a Canadian youth who was being held for deportation following his arrest some time ago in connection with a burglary in this county, the Chouteau county jail became empty, or, rather, prisonerless, for the first time in a number of years.

Cut Bank Petitions Red Cross Chapter

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Cut Bank, Sept. 27.—Cut Bank was represented at the recent Red Cross conference in Butte by Mrs. W. P. Yonck and Mrs. J. W. Coburn, the former going as the delegate from the local society. The organization has been petitioned to establish a chapter here as Cut Bank is now the center of the new county of Glacier.

Grants Divorce and a Civil Judgment

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Chinook, Sept. 27.—Two civil cases were disposed of by Judge W. B. Rhoads when here last week for the naturalization term of court.

Susie McCaffrey was granted a decree of divorce from David McCaffrey on a charge of non-support, and judgment was ordered entered as prayed for in the complaint of Shepherd Bros. vs. John A. Salzman et al.

CONRAD GIRLS LEAVE FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

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Conrad, Sept. 27.—The Misses Ruth Harley, Ethel Nevills and Ruth Fowler left yesterday for Missoula where they will enter the university.

Boy Is Badly Burned When He Lights Match Near Gasoline Can

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Cut Bank, Sept. 27.—Combination of a lighted match and a can of gasoline caused an explosion at the barn of Charles Barr, residing north of this city, severely burning Barr's son, Argie, about the face, body and left arm. Barr had gone to the barn to start a gasoline engine, accompanied by the boy. It was dark and he asked the boy to light a match so he could see to fill the tank. The boy did so and an explosion followed. He was brought to the city for medical attention and he is recovering from the burns which were painful, but not serious.

TETON MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Choteau, Sept. 27.—Marriage licenses have been issued here this week as follows:

Wilbur L. Kimball and Della Mills, both of Manson.

John L. Brown of Conrad and Helen Jones of Gales, Mont.

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SHELBY BANK CASHIER WEDS LEWISTOWN GIRL

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Shelby, Sept. 27.—W. F. Kurtsahn, assistant cashier of the First National bank at Shelby, was married at Lewistown on Wednesday evening, September 24. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtsahn will return to Shelby to make their home at the residence recently purchased from A. J. Motiz, on the north side of town.

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