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An Eastern View of the Alaska Coal Question

The Chicago Inter-Ocean discusses Alaska matters in the following editorial strain:
 "D. M. Stewart, of Seward, Alaska, writes informally in a recent issue of the San Francisco Call of the needs of that territory, whose material development has practically stood still for seven years because Mr. Roosevelt had had dreams about 'Guggenheims,' and the 'conservationists' have never since been willing to give Alaska a chance to grow unless they could prescribe the pattern.
 "The proof of Alaska's industrial and commercial stagnation is seen when figures are compared. Alaska's trade with the mainland in 1911 was \$55,924,404.000. Her average trade for the years 1904-1911 was \$55,862,077. When a country of Alaska's enormous natural resources fails to show any more increase of business than the figures of 1911 show when compared with the eight-year average it is evident that some exterior force is holding that country back.
 "What has caused Alaska's recent troubles, according to Mr. Stewart, was the circulation and wide-spread acceptance of a yarn to the effect that there were just two good coal fields in Alaska, which 'certain grasping, greedy malefactors' of New York had conspired to gobble up, to the everlasting injury of the shivering residents of Alaska and the eternal impoverishment of the American people."
 "Most of us remember the cry of alarm that was raised and how Mr. Roosevelt responded by withdrawing from entry every inch of coal land in Alaska.
 "The residents of Seward are now paying \$17 a ton for British Columbia coal when within 150 miles of them are enormous supplies of better coal which could be laid down at their doors at a good profit at \$5 to \$6 per ton, if they were only allowed to mine it. Such a situation is beyond even the imagination of a comic playwright. It had to happen in order to be believed, even on the farce-comedy stage.
 "It is quite possibly true that certain men of great wealth sought to gain possession of valuable coal deposits in Alaska. But in stopping so-called 'malefactors' to whom he happened to have a particular aversion, Mr. Roosevelt forgot all about the thousands of men of very small means in Alaska who wanted and needed Alaska coal.
 "Mr. Stewart says that public sentiment in Alaska favors a rational leasing system of coal lands as the expedient course under present conditions. Alaska should certainly be permitted to mine and use her own coal. The further continuance of the deadlock of the past seven years would be simply idiotic. No wonder that born Americans in Alaska openly advocate secession and annexation to Canada."

The Seal Islands and How They Were Despoiled

The acquisition of the seal islands—or rather the leasing of the real rookeries—by the Alaska Commercial Co., reads like a romance. The Pribylov islands, which compose the famous seal rookeries, were discovered by a Russian man-of-war, during the Russian occupation of Alaska. When the United States took over Alaska from the Russians, an officer in the Russian navy, who was on board the warship which found the seal rookeries, thought he saw an opportunity to make some money, and he did. He is now living on the fat of the land in San Francisco.
 The officer left his warship and proceeded to the Golden Gate city. To the Sloshes he told of the seal rookeries, saying that if they would declare him in on the profits which might be gained through the sale of seal skins, he would plot one of their vessels to the scene. The offer was readily accepted by the Sloshes.
 In 1869 a vessel left San Francisco harbor, ostensibly enroute to the seal islands, but in reality bound for the seal rookeries. The Russian naval officer was aboard. The Pribylov islands were reached in due time, and the rookeries were there, as the Russian had claimed.
 The Alaska Commercial company was formed by San Francisco people, and by the aid of the California delegation in Congress, a twenty-year lease was obtained by it to the seal islands. The company was allowed to kill as many seal as it wished, for which it paid the government \$2 per skin royalty.
 Of course no attention was paid to the matter in Congress, as Alaska was considered of no importance anyway.

TREASURY PAYS FOR BURNT MONEY

The last Mariposa brought a package containing \$300 in bills for James Fish, jr., says the Valdez Prospector. The money was to replace that lost by him at the time of the destruction of his home by fire last December. The bills were all rolled up and in Mr. Fish's deck, and after the fire the mass of charred mazzuma was carefully gathered up, placed in a tin box, surrounded by cotton-batting and sent to the Treasury at Washington, D. C. It required only a few days for the department to decide to reimburse Mr. Fish for his loss.

BRIQUETTES FROM ALASKA LIGNITE COAL

A company has been formed with a capital of \$225,000 for the purpose of manufacturing briquettes from the vast Alaska deposits of lignite coal. The incorporators of the company are Henry Sundermeier, a wealthy German capitalist of St. Paul, Minn., and Willie Summerville Royle, of London, representing English capital.

CLAIM PIG SERUM CURES TUBERCULOSIS

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—After thirteen years of research work, Dr. J. H. Burgan, of Minneapolis, has discovered a tuberculosis cure which a newspaper, the Daily News, today claims rivals that recently announced by Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann of Berlin.
 Healthy pigs furnish the serum provided in Dr. Burgan's alleged cure. This is injected in such a way, he asserts, as to strengthen the resistance of the cells in the body.
 Dr. Burgan asserts that the real cause for lung disease is weak resistance of the body and insists that the only cure is to strengthen the resistance so germs cannot live.

AN AFFAIR OF NATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Peter Pappas, Greek, and "Bob" Pasish, Turk, were discussing the Balkan situation. "You both bane crazy," said Hans Bundel, a Swede. Greek and Turk attacked the Swede. Case up tomorrow.

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 J. W. BELL,
 Registration Officer.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the delinquent tax list for year 1912-1913 will be published on or about Feb. 24, 1913.
 A. W. FOX,
 City Clerk.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 972-A
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, DIV. NO. 1, AT JUNEAU

Charles Goldstein, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as, Blanche Lyons, Defendant.
 TO Mrs. F. Lyons, also known as Blanche Lyons, defendant: In the name of the United States, and in accordance with an order directing service of summons in the above entitled cause by publication made by the above entitled court on the fourth day of February, 1913, you are hereby summoned to appear and answer, in the above entitled court holden at Juneau, in said Division and Territory, within thirty (30) days after the 22nd day of March, 1913, the complaint of Charles Goldstein, wherein he demands judgment against you in the sum of seventy-one dollars and ninety-two cents (\$71.92); with interest and costs incurred herein, and for want of an answer in the time above mentioned the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the above amounts.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the above entitled court this 4th day of Feb. 1913.
 E. W. PETTIT, Clerk.
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