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## HOUSE KILLS COMMERCE COURT

### Memorial for Federal Building Causes Talkfest

Juneau is not Alaska. The capital should be moved where the people in Alaska could meet and transact business without stepping on foreign soil. Any place is preferable to the present location except Spokane. The capital must be located near the geographical center. Fairbanks is the logical point. These are a few of the reasons why Juneau lost the capital at last night's session of the House.

The argument started over the introduction of the Shoup Memorial, asking Congress to make an additional appropriation of \$500,000 for the construction of a federal building in Juneau, which added to the amount already set apart for that purpose would make a fund of \$700,000.

Representative Ingram started things by stating that he was opposed to the memorial. As a member from Valdez got into his subject the warmer he got and if he had been at home no doubt there would have been a glacial flood. The other day Mr. Ingram had a memorial under consideration in the interest of public schools from some very stubborn opposition from Mr. Shoup, "Of course," said Mr. Ingram, "this little sum of \$700,000 is a mere bag of shells, and Uncle Sam is rich—but you fellows thought \$7,000 would wreck the country if expended on a sensible school measure. But Juneau wants it—I suppose we only came down here to give Juneau what she asks for. Not with Father Ingram. The idea of asking for this sum is preposterous and the thought of spending so much money in a place

like Juneau is still more outrageous. If we must have a new capital building let us build it in the central part of the Territory. Build it in Valdez, where the rails meet sails, a point equally distant from all parts of the Territory.

Representative Shoup commenced to be uneasy and gaining the floor went on to describe how the ancient City of Sitka had voluntarily given up the capital on account of the superior advantages of Juneau. Juneau the only spot in the vast empire of the North that was entirely fitted to be the capital—it was the most centrally located on account of the steamboat paths all leading to this place.

Representative Boyle said that he would have to agree with his colleague Mr. Ingram. There was only one suitable place for the capital and that was in the most northerly port in the world, Valdez—Valdez, the port of inexhaustible wealth and the logical center for the commerce of this great empire.

Representative Gaffney, the silver-tongued orator from the Pactorian sands of Seward peninsula, declared in stentorian tones that the time had arrived when the people realize that the tail couldn't wag the dog. The people living down here in this insignificant strip of hard rock that had been mostly pre-empted by owners of fish traps, should be brought to a realization that Alaska was a vast domain stretching far down the point where the sun sank to rest; whose

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### FISH TRAP BILL NOT DEAD YET

This morning Senator Sutherland read the following telegram received from Delegate Wickersham, dated at Washington, D. C., April 22: "The question of the power of the Alaska Legislature was argued twice in the department of justice and a full record presented to the President today by the Attorney General. There is no doubt of the power to pass fish trap bill. Members of legislature should keep their pledges to the people and act."

President Ray, of the Senate this morning sent the following wire to Secretary to the President T. C. Tumulty: "Alaska Legislature adjourns May first. When may we expect opinion on fish trap jurisdiction submitted to the Attorney General if rendered? Please cable substance of opinion. Deemed vital to Alaska."

Senate Bill No. 17, Sutherland's anti-fish trap bill, which was thought to have been given its quietus several days ago, refuses to stay dead. It was given a new lease of life by the motion of Senator Freeding to reconsider the vote laying it carefully away on the shelf. Since which time it has regularly come up in its place on the calendar and as regularly has been postponed to a future date.

An effort has been made to get an opinion from the attorney general as to the power of the legislature to enact legislation on the subject of fish traps, but as yet no direct answer has been received.

In the debate Senator Sutherland called attention to the fact that every member of the First Division was pledged to abolish fish traps, and that they were more concerned directly in the fishing industry than any other portion of the Territory at the present time.

Public hearings have served to make the legislature and the people generally better acquainted with the situation than ever before and it is a certainty that some action will be taken either by the passage of a law or by petitioning Congress by memorial to enact legislation affecting the fishing industry.

In the meantime a public mass meeting has been called for tomorrow night in the city council chambers for the purpose of discussing the situation. A great deal of interest is being manifested in this meeting and it promises to be well attended.

Governor Clark wired this afternoon to the attorney general for an immediate affirmative or negative answer on the question involved.

### Pacific Coast Co. Sells Franklin Street Property

The Pacific Coast Company has sold all its Juneau property that is available for sale at this time lying on both sides of Franklin street along the waterfront. The sales were made to various Juneau citizens. There were 26 lots disposed of, and they netted the company \$56,000. Those on the water side of the street brought an average price of \$3,500 per lot, and those on the opposite side \$1,200. All the lots are 50 feet by 100 feet in size.

The purchasers of lots on the water side of the street were as follows: B. M. Behrends, 2 lots; Winter & Pond, 2 lots; George F. Forrest, 3 lots; Wicklander & Laugergeren, 2

lots; E. R. Jaeger and Claud Erickson, 2 lots.

The purchasers on the opposite, or hill side of the street include Chas. Goldstein, 2 lots; J. B. Caro & Co., 4 lots; William Gilmore, 2 lots; Jesse Blakeley, 1 lot; Max Humfrey, 1 lot; Howard Ewing, 2 lots; Clarence King, 2 lots; Alex White, 1 lot.

The title to this tract is one of the oldest in Juneau. It was deeded to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, through Capt. James Carroll, in consideration of his building a wharf there. Capt. Carroll represented the Pacific Coast Company. The tract originally was 600 feet square.

### Sundry Civil Bill Passes Killing Commerce Court

WASHINGTON, April 23. — The House of Representatives passed the sundry civil appropriation bill last night without an appropriation for the commerce court and the other provisions that caused former President William H. Taft to veto it. It received practically the full Democratic and Progressive vote.

The Indian appropriation bill was also passed.

### California To Comply With President Wilson's Request

WASHINGTON, April 23.—In a telegram to President Woodrow Wilson Gov. Hiram Johnson, of California, today said that his request that Japanese be not specially discriminated

against in the anti-alien legislation would be strictly followed by the California legislature, and that all treaties of the United States would be observed.

### Montenegro Takes Possession of Scutari

CETTINJE, April 23. — It was announced officially today that the Montenegrin forces have taken full possession of Scutari. The city was practically captured some time ago, but the government has hesitated to take

possession in the face of the orders that have been delivered from the powers not to do so.

King Nicholas says it is the purpose of Montenegro to retain possession of it now that is has come into its hands as a prize of war.

### McCarty Accepts Fight Terms

CALGARY, Alta., April 23.—Luther McCarty, aspirant for heavyweight championship honors, has accepted the terms proposed to fight the winner of the Elpy-Morris fight that will take May 1st. The terms accepted by McCarty provide that he is to fight the winner of the first match May 24th.

### INGRAM'S SCHOOL MEMORIAL PASSES

After a hard fight Ingram's memorial asking for a change in the public school system of Alaska was passed in the House this morning. The measure is designed to increase the standing of the public schools in cities without impairing country schools and to bring all the schools to a higher state of efficiency.

The Governor asked for a conference on the Roden eight-hour bill recently submitted for his consideration on account of a seeming ambiguity in one section. It was feared that the bill might be construed to include placers in its provisions although it was apparent that the legislature sought to exclude them. It was decided to insert in the records of both houses a statement to the effect that the bill does not in any manner include placers mines of any description and applies to metalliferous quartz mines only.

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### EXCURSION SCHEDULE FOR SPOKANE ARRANGED

The 1913 summer excursion schedule has been arranged for the Pacific Coast Company's excursion steamship Spokane. As usual she will make five exclusively excursion trips beginning the latter part of June and terminating in August.

An announcement given out by C. D. Dunnan, passenger traffic manager for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company says that the excursions will be in Juneau on the following dates:

1:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. June 28th.  
1:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. July 10th.  
1:30 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. July 24th.  
1:30 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. Aug. 7th.  
1:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. Aug. 21st.

### YESTERDAY'S BALL SCORES

**NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.**  
At Seattle—Seattle, 2; Tacoma, 1.  
At Spokane—Spokane, 2; Victoria, 1.  
At Vancouver—Vancouver, 2; Portland, 0.

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.**  
At Portland—Portland, 3; Sacramento, 2.  
At Los Angeles—Venice, 2; Oakland, 0.  
At San Francisco—Los Angeles, 3; San Francisco, 2.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 7; New York, 4.  
At Washington—Boston, 8; Washington, 3.  
At Chicago—Chicago, 3; Detroit, 2.  
At Cleveland—St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 2.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
At Cincinnati—Chicago, 8; Cincinnati, 5.  
At Boston—Brooklyn, 8; Boston, 8.  
At St. Louis—Pittsburg, 1; St. Louis, 0.  
At New York—New York, 2; Philadelphia, 2. Game called at the end of the thirteenth inning.

### NEW BOAT ADDED TO KETCHIKAN'S FLEET

Capt. Perry Jenkins arrived up from the sound about midnight last night with a brand new gas boat, the Olympic. She is a fine looking little craft of 56 feet in length and is powered with a 30 horse-power Imperial marine engine. Perry will use her in conjunction with his fish trap—Ketchikan Miner.

### VANITY FAIR MEETS WITH HIGH FAVOR

"Vanity Fair" is a classic production from Thackeray's well read novel that is now holding the attention of Orpheum patrons. It drew a well pleased audience last night and the program will be repeated again tonight.

### ALAMEDA BRINGS EARLY MORNING CROWD

The Alameda arrived in port from the South at 2:15 o'clock this morning enroute to the Westward. The following passengers embarked at Juneau:

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wentry, William Denaland, J. H. Adams, Mrs. E. Hayes and son, Mrs. F. Wallace, Mrs. E. Roberts, Sam Gagwith, Mrs. V. A. T. Galt, S. Frieman, Miss Beatrice Miller, Matt Rooney, Peter Coggin, John Thires, Mrs. H. S. Worthen, James Fitzgerald, A. D. Rooney, C. S. Dall, John Hahn, B. N. Carroll.

### COURT OFFICERS OFF FOR SOUTH

Most of the officers of the United States District court will leave on the Spokane this evening for Ketchikan where a term of the court will convene April 28. The rest of them will sail on the Sampson.

Those that will leave Juneau on the Spokane include Judge Thomas R. Lyons, United States District Attorney John Rustgard, Assistant District Attorney R. V. Nye, Deputy Clerk John Clarke, Deputy Marshal Jack Mullen, Court Stenographer Ralph E. Robertson and Miss Ina S. Liebhart, stenographer to Mr. Rustgard. United States Marshal H. L. Faulkner will join the party at Wrangell.

District Court Clerk E. W. Pettit and Assistant District Attorney H. H. Folsom will leave on the Admiral Sampson.

Mrs. Lyons will accompany Judge Lyons and Mrs. Robertson will accompany Mr. Robertson.

### BASEBALL RUMORS FLOATING AROUND

Down at Young's place there is an exhibition baseball about 14 inches in diameter hanging in the show window. Sightseers the other day were amazed to see a placard attached to the ball bearing this legend: "This is the only kind of a ball Jack McBride's outfit can hit." The placard has since been removed. It is said that Mayor Carter has the gumshoe force of the city government working on the case with the purpose of prosecuting somebody for malicious trespass.

There is a persistent rumor afloat that the Alaska-Gastineau Company recently received a consignment of baseball stars, disguised as bohunks, and that "Old-Spit-in-the-Mott" Reedy will ring them in after the Young outfit has been tied up for a game.

There has been considerable persiflage flying back and forth between these two concerns and the public is really wondering if there is a possibility of finding any baseball timber in either establishment. Down at the Young's headquarters they have a lot of new, nice duds in a glass case that they seem afraid to soiling, and the Gastineau outfit seem to fear tearing their overalls.

### GEORGE R. NOBLE ARRIVES AND WILL START THINGS

George R. Noble returned on the Spokane yesterday accompanied by C. J. Johnson the Seattle contractor who is connected with the Frick Construction Company, of Chicago. Mr. Johnson came up to look over the damsite on Lemon creek.

Mr. Noble also brought along machinery for a sawmill that is to be installed at Salmon creek for the purpose of cutting material to be used in the company's development work.

Mr. Noble said that there were no other announcements to be made at this time further than that progress was being made toward the main object of the company's plans in this section.

### DAVIDSON OFFERS THANKS AND PAYS TRIBUTE

Charles E. Davidson, just appointed Surveyor General for Alaska, yesterday acknowledged the telegram of congratulations sent him by Gen. William L. Distin, in these graceful and well deserved words:

"Thanks. Hope I may retire with as much honor as you."

The telegram was dated at Fairbanks yesterday and received last evening by Gen. Distin.

Mrs. H. S. Worthen, wife of the Juneau lumberman, arrived on the Alameda this morning.

### Seattle Accident Kills Two Men

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### PRESIDENT HAS NARROW ESCAPE

WASHINGTON, April 23. — President Woodrow Wilson and his daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson, narrowly escaped being run down by a street car yesterday afternoon.

### WILL DEBATE TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Senate finance committee has announced that it will give public hearings on the tariff question when the Underwood tariff bill reaches that branch of Congress. This is taken to mean that there will be a protracted debate in that body and that the bill will probably not get through it much before July 1st.

### REPRESENTATIVE SHOUP IS ADMITTED TO BAR

Representative Arthur G. Shoup, of Sitka, was admitted to the bar, by Judge Thomas R. Lyons today. Mr. Shoup was examined by a committee consisting of Judge R. A. Gunnison, J. A. Hellenthal, and N. K. Burton.

### LONG CREEK IN RUBY DISTRICT LOOKS GOOD

RUBY CITY, March 15.—Pay running all the way from \$1 to \$2 a pan has been discovered on Long creek for miles up and down its course. The pay streak has not been found on every claim for the reason that there are many association claims between the properties that are being worked, and naturally the pay streak cannot always be picked up when there is a mile or more between operators.

A committee of business men and miners visited the creek the other day, and all of them came to the conclusion that there is a well defined rich pay streak from one end of Long creek to the other.

Five feet of pay gravel running \$2 a foot has been discovered on Monument creek.

### HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS:—Highest cash price paid for all kinds of raw furs\* at Will's store. 4-7-1f.

Forced out of business by owner of building. Sale to run only 10 more days.

J. J. SHARRICK.

Oyster-lovers, go to "U and I" Lunch Room. 4-14-1m.

W. G. Weigle, head of the Alaska forestry department, with offices in Ketchikan, arrived in Juneau this

### An Administration Policy Settled

Of course, President Wilson's attendance in person is not to be constructed as a criticism of the messenger service between the Capitol and the White House—Washington Star.

### "TOTEM" OUT IN IN A FEW DAYS

The seventh issue of "The Totem," the Juneau High School's annual publication, is about through the press and will be on sale within a few days. The book will contain about 60 pages, and will be, all things considered, probably the best issue that this educational institution has given to the public.

Miss Mamie Morgan is editor of "The Totem" this year, and her first and second assistants are Miss Leslie George and Trevor Davis. Miss Alice Tibbitts is exchange editor, Miss Alma Sowerby, alumni editor, and Paul Carpenter, joke editor. Russell Casey is business manager.

The following are contributors: Edward Beattie, Albert King, Alice Tibbitts, Margaret Dudley, Alma Sowerby, Paul Carpenter, Charles Skuse, Cordelia Davis, Eugene Nelson, Trevor Davis, Waino Hendrickson, Leslie George, Cedric Davis, Mamie Morgan, Gladys Swenson, Georgia Caro, Irma Peterson, Dewey Erickson, Edward Sweeney, George Nelson and Emmanuel Sweeney.

The book will be from the presses of The Alaska Daily Empire.

"The Totem" is dedicated "To the High School that has not yet been granted to us, but which we sorely need, and are sure to have."

Hampton J. Johns, known all over Alaska and the Yukon as a sordough miner of the early days, arrived in Juneau on the last trip of the Northwestern.