

THE ALASKA DAILY EMPIRE

VOL. IV., NO. 461.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1914.

PRICE, TEN CENTS

HUERTAISTS ARE FLEEING FROM CAPITAL OF MEXICO

Lieut. Mears Is Not Eligible For Commission

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A tangle has been discovered in the appointment of Lieut. Frederick Mears to be a member of the Alaska railroad commission. To maintain his place on the commission he will probably have to resign from the army or obtain special legislation. The Alaska railroad bill limits the army officers that the President may detail to the Alaska railroad service to members of the engineer corps, while Lieut. Mears is a cavalry officer.

When Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane selected Lieut. Mears on the recommendation of Col. George W. Goethals it was presumed that he was an officer in the engineer corps, but it develops that he was an engineer in civil life when was appointed to the army through the National Guard. Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison was not consulted before the appointment was made.

Provision Aimed at Richardson. It is charged in Washington that Delegate James Wickersham had the provision that only officers from the engineer corps of the army could be appointed to position in the Alaska railroad service inserted in the bill for the purpose of keeping the President from putting Lieut.-Col. W. P. Richardson on the commission.

Reardon to Assist Dalton. D. A. Reardon has been appointed packet for the Alaska railroad engineers and sent to join Jack Dalton.

DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG RAYMOND MILLER

Raymond Miller died at 9:30 this morning. No hope of his recovery was held out by Dr. L. O. Sloan, the attending physician, but there was a brave struggle to preserve the spark of life. Yesterday there were indications of an improved condition, and hope of ultimate recovery was felt by many.

Raymond Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, was born in Nome in 1909 and was one of the first white children born on Seward peninsula. Most of his young life, however, has been spent here in Juneau where he has been a universal favorite with old and young alike. His untimely death has cost cast a gloom over many Juneau households. The funeral will likely be held either Saturday or Sunday.

GOLDSTEIN BUYERS TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK

O. W. Leafgreen, manager of the clothing department, and L. Martin, manager of the dry goods department, for the big Goldstein stores, will shortly leave for New York to purchase stock for the new store, now under construction. It is very probable that they will take passage from Juneau either Sunday or Tuesday. They will likely be gone six to eight weeks.

CAPT. WHITNEY HAS THE MUMPS.

Capt. G. H. Whitney, U. S. inspector of hulls and boilers for Alaska, was taken to St. Ann's hospital this morning suffering from a severe attack of mumps.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE KILLS DENVER HOTEL MAN

DENVER, Colo., May 7.—L. F. Mecodemus, proprietor of the Savoy hotel in this city, was fatally shot this morning by James G. Bulger, a soldier of fortune, who resented being called a "wart."

RUGS

A big assortment of large sized rugs, and also odd sizes, are carried by the Waldron Co., Seattle. They send them on approval, also, to responsible people. They specialize in rugs, at 1222 Fourth avenue, Henry Building. All inquiries willingly answered, and cuts sent. 5-5-5t.

Have you seen the latest sofa pillow designs?

Stamped on a superior quality of linen.—Mrs. Albert Berry, The Vogue Shop, opp. Orpheum. Tues., Thurs., Sat.

FOR SALE—

I desire an offer for Lot 5, Block 214, Casey-Shattuck addition to Juneau, dry and level. Write me, making offer. Andrew Erickson, Box 51, Prince Rupert, B. C. 5-6t. FOR SALE—At a bargain, 5-room house. Inquire Elkland, grey house, Casey-Shattuck Add. 5-6-5t.

Emil Kliese, representing the Columbia Brewing company of Tacoma, left for the South on the Spokane last night.

THE WEATHER TODAY.

Twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m.: Maximum—63. Minimum—33. Clear.

MUCH BUILDING IS NOW UNDER WAY

All of the immense tract between the Juneau Iron Works and the Alaska Soda Bottling Works, 275x100 has been decked over and in a few days it is expected that plans will be decided upon for covering the space with buildings for business purposes. Of the space under development 100x100 belongs to B. M. Behrends, 50x100 belongs to Winter & Pond, and 125x100 belongs to George F. Forrest. It is expected that the property will be improved with buildings built to harmonize. Front street is being widened for traffic in front of the property and sidewalk is being laid.

Excavation for the big 5-story concrete building for the Goldstein improvement company is progressing at a rapid pace this fine weather and it is expected that it will be completed in another ten days. The municipal rock crusher which has been leased by the city to Thomas Bush will begin furnishing material for the building as soon as a few necessary articles arrive from below.

Excavation for the 4-story concrete building for S. Zynda at Third and Main streets is about completed and building operations will begin as soon as material can be assembled. The Bush-Soles company have the contract and they are depending on the municipal rock crusher to supply crushed rock for the concrete.

The B. M. Behrends bank building and the new postoffice building to be erected by Mr. Behrends immediately adjoining Third street will be started as soon as the tenants vacate the property. The building on the corner is already vacant and it is expected to get possession of the remainder in another few days. Both buildings are to be hurried to completion as rapidly as is consistent with good workmanship. Both buildings are to be as

(Continued on Page 3.)

YOUNG TIGERS MAY GO TO WHITEHORSE

C. W. Carter, manager of the Young Tigers, says that he is negotiating with St. Tanner, and there is a probability that a game will be played at Skagway between the Tigers and the White Pass club in event that the Tigers make the trip to Whitehorse for the King's birthday celebration. It is not definitely known yet if the trip will be made but it is very probable.

In the meantime Mr. Carter says that he would like to have a go with some of the Gastineau channel teams. "I'm not particular," he said, "they all look alike to me, but I'd rather have a chance at P. E. Jackson's aggregation—they would be duck soup for us." He said that they had expected all along to play the opening game with Jackson's men, but the latter had arranged to take on Treadwell next Sunday and he supposed it was off. He would like to play and early morning game with the Gastineau Terriers if Dick Wulzen can be persuaded to get his men together.

MUSICAL CLUB TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Juneau Ladies' Musical Club has arranged to give their Fourth Annual public rehearsal in the new Juneau theatre on the night of May 15, under the direction of Mr. Willis E. Nowell. The proceeds from the entertainment will be devoted to the Juneau public library fund.

CY WRIGHT COMING.

Cy Wright, who was one of the star pitchers for the C. W. Young's Tigers last season, is a passenger aboard the Al-Kl enroute to Juneau. He will again become a part of the working force of the C. W. Young company and will take an active part in baseball matters.

GUSSING CONTEST TO CLOSE.

A. T. Spatz proprietor and manager of the Alaskan Cafe, this morning announced that owing to indications of an early break-up, the guessing contest on the departure of boats from Whitehorse and their arrival in Dawson will be closed on May 15th instead of June 1st.

Miss Gertrude Mallette, of the Juneau high school teachers' staff, who is ill at her apartments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fisher, is reported to be improving this morning.

EAGLE RIVER TRAIL TO BE REPAIRED

The trail leading from the end of the government road to Eagle River is to have enough repair work done on it to place it in a passable condition, so that a pack horse may be taken from Juneau into the Eagle River country, but there will be no funds to spend in making the present trail into a road, according to Lieut. Glenn C. Edgerton, engineer officer and member of the Alaska road commission who is, now in Juneau. "We will also locate the government road from Skagway to the Canadian boundary at once," he said, "but this is all we can do at this time for lack of funds. All of the \$125,000 appropriation, which is about the usual amount allowed Alaska each year, must be used in repair work and maintenance on the roads already built. No new work can be undertaken."

Lieut. Edgerton submitted a detailed estimate providing for the expenditure of \$7,250,000 in creating a system of public highways in Alaska. The report contained a scientific study of the whole problem of road building in Alaska submitting in detail the cost, the necessity, and the estimated resources of the sections sought to be benefited. This money was to be expended during a period of nine years beginning with the present year for which an appropriation of \$750,000 was asked. "If this were allowed," said Lieut. Edgerton, "Alaska would have, when completed, a very good system of road, and nearly all of the known territory would be accessible."

"Nevada," said Lieut. Edgerton, "has less mileage of public highways, in proportion to the area of the State than any other State in the Union, yet the mileage of public roads in Nevada is eleven times greater than in Alaska in proportion to area."

The necessity of more liberal appropriations for public roads, Lieut. Edgerton thinks will be more apparent when the government railroad is finished and begins to operate. "It is perfectly obvious," he said, "that freight will not be shipped over the road if people are unable to get it away from the railroad stations."

Lieut. Edgerton has been inspecting the conditions of the roads leading out of Juneau. The Sheep creek road he considers in very good shape except that it should be ballasted a little stronger for heavy traffic. He expected to go over the Salmon creek road today in company with Supt. J. C. Hayes.

ROOSEVELT LOSES 55 LBS.

Para Brazil, May 7. — Col. Roosevelt, who is still at this city, says he lost 55 pounds in weight during his trip into the interior of Brazil. He is slenderer than he has been in years.

INTERESTING THREE-REEL FEATURE—Tonight—Grand.

"After Darkness Light"—another State right feature in three parts; a story that every one has read. This big production has been acted on the stage in the leading theatres in Europe and America.

These big features are specially gotten from the exchanges: Gaumont Weekly—with all the interesting events from the world. "Calamity Ann, Detective," American Western cowboy comedy, sure to make you laugh.

AT THE ORPHEUM.

Tonight, by special request, the "Wild Animals at Large" will be repeated. This will positively be the last opportunity to see the great feature film.

"Groundless Suspicion" is a drama by the Edison Co., and features Ben Wilson.

"O'Hara and the Youthful Prodigal" is a comedy drama by the Vitagraph Co., and has Van Dyke Brooke and Kate Price in the comedy parts.

"Seeing Double" is a comedy and shows John Bunny at his best.

Pathe Weekly—showing Gov. Clark viewing Alaska Legislators.

JOHN OLDS BETTER.

Manager John Olds of the Occidental hotel, who has been laid up with lagrip for the past several days, is reported to be better this morning and expects to be out again within the next few days.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS.

The Ladies' Altar Society of the Catholic Church meets at Mrs. H. McLean's, 624 Sixth street, Friday afternoon.

LORDS TURN DOWN WOMEN SUFFRAGE

LONDON, May 7.—The House of Lords yesterday evening rejected the woman's suffrage bill by a vote of 104 to 60. This removes any possibility for the further consideration of woman suffrage by the present parliament, as before the bill could be passed three times in three successive years by the Commons the constitutional time for another election will have arrived.

AMERICA HAS LOWEST RATE IN THE WORLD

CHICAGO, May 6. — Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, in a speech at Chicago, said: "It must in fairness be admitted that the railway men of today are suffering from the sins of the fathers which are being visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations. Yet justice and common sense require any truthful man to concede that when the worst is said respecting our railway managers it is none the less true that they have so wrought as to give America the lowest freight rates in the world."

TWO CANADIAN ROADS TO EMPLOY 3000 MEN

EDMONTON, Alta., May 7.—Three thousand men and a large number of teams will be at work within the present month on the grades for the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia and Alberta & Great Waterways railroads, under construction in central and northern Alberta, according to official advices received in Edmonton today from J. D. McArthur, president of the two roads.

EIGHT KILLED AND 20 HURT IN EXPLOSION

PANAMA, May 6.—Eight were killed and a score injured by an explosion of a government dynamite magazine yesterday.

THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS' ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Following is the interesting program that has been prepared for the entertainment to be given by the Camp Fire Girls at Elks' hall tomorrow evening:

- 1.—Speech by the guardian.
- 2.—"Toy Symphony" Haydn Senior Camp Fire
- 3.—"Song of the Planets" Bluebirds C. J.
- 4.—Wohelo Ceremony, and the Welo Cry by the Seniors.
- 5.—"The Law" Thelma Ninnis Candle Ceremony Margaret Dudley
- 6.—"Seventfold Flame" Helen Troy "Burn Fire, Burn" Camp Fire Song
- 7.—"EVERY GIRL"—Play by Juniors.
- 8.—Speech by Judge R. A. Gunnison.
- 9.—Bluebird Songs in costume: a.—Poppy Song. b.—Dolls' Lullaby. c.—Evening Song.
- 10.—Camp Fire Scene: a.—Walking Song. b.—Boating Song. c.—Grecks' Dance. d.—Recitation—Madge Case. e.—Folk Dances. f.—Mama Moon. g.—Boogaman. h.—Alaska Camp Fire Song.

A dance will follow the program. The box plans are at the Postoffice store where reserved seats are on sale.

NEW FERRY SOON.

Manager E. J. Margie of the Juneau Ferry and Navigation company, said this morning that he was expecting word any moment to send Capt. Waldo States to Seattle to bring the new ferry boat Alma to Juneau.

THOS. WAND ARRIVES.

The Thomas Wand, A. C. Jansen, of the Portland line, arrived in Juneau this morning, eight days out from Portland and making six stops. She brought 100 tons of general merchandise for Juneau.

SKAGWAYITE HERE.

George Black, a well known young man of Skagway, has been in Juneau for the past few days, visiting with old friends and attending to some business matters. He will leave for his home on the Jefferson.

TRANSFERRING MORTGAGES.

B. M. Behrends has filed a transfer of all the mortgages held by himself individually as banker, to the B. M. Behrends Bank, recently incorporated.

DRAWN 20 DAYS.

J. M. Mendoza, adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly, was this morning sentenced to 20 days at labor by Municipal Magistrate E. W. Pettitt. Mendoza has been frequently up in the municipal court.

LADIES' AID TO MEET.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Elkland.

WILSON SUPPORTS COAL LEASING BILL

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A definite program of conservation was adopted this morning at a conference between President Woodrow Wilson, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and Wetsern Senators and Congressmen.

The President made it plain that he desires that Secretary of the Interior Lane's bill, providing for the leasing of Alaska coal lands to private parties, be passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AGAINST R. R. TAX

The report of the House committee on Territories on the bill changing the tax on railroads in Alaska from \$100 a mile to four per cent. of the net income of the roads, recommending that the same shall be passed, is a comprehensive review of the situation in Alaska. It shows that the \$100 a mile tax applies irrespective of whether the road was cheaply constructed for special purposes, and only operated occasionally, or whether the road was well made, thoroughly equipped and operated continuously in general transportation.

Only two railroads in Alaska are reported to be operated. One road—the Seward Peninsula—was compelled to close down because the government brought suit to compel it to pay taxes. Under the rule that makes it a separate offense for each day's operation, and the full penalty of one year's tax for each day's operation if the license tax is not paid in advance, the amounts owing by some roads runs into millions of dollars.

The report shows that the present Governor of Alaska, the former Governor, and the Secretary of the Interior have all recommended that it be repealed. The Attorney-General also favors it.

NEW TREATY BETWEEN U. S. AND DENMARK

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan and Minister Brun have signed another peace commission treaty between the United States and Denmark in place of the one which contained the compulsory arbitration feature. The new treaty applies only to the settlement of issues by investigation.

The Secretary of State said that another convention would be drawn at once providing for the settlement by arbitration of questions between the United States and Denmark which will not yield to diplomatic adjustment. This treaty, however, will be on the lines of existing arbitration treaties with the usual exclusion of questions of honor, territorial integrity, and internal questions, as well as those concerning third powers.

PERHAPS HE HOGGED IT.

"Your wife is inclined to be jealous, isn't she?" "Jealous! Why, she got mad one evening during that cold snap because I hugged the radiator."—Boston Transcript.

NEW CANAL MAKES AN ISLAND OF CAPE COD

PLYMOUTH, Mass., May 7.—The opening of the new canal has made an island of Cape Cod in this state, and shortened the water course between Boston and all Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York bay points.

CORDOVA TO HAVE ACTIVE COMMERCIAL BODY

CORDOVA, May 7.—Business men have reorganized the chamber of commerce and pledged \$400 a month for six months to secure the services of a paid secretary to boost the town. It is the purpose of the organization to set forth the advantages of Cordova and surrounding country for investors and permanent residents.

ALASKA ORPHAN BOY LEFT IN SEATTLE STORE

SEATTLE, May 7.—An unknown woman left a four-year-old boy, Billie Roberts, whom it is claimed is an Alaska orphan in the store of J. M. Welch yesterday and disappeared. All efforts to locate the woman have proved futile.

LABORERS LEAVING JUNEAU.

The Spokane, leaving for the South last night, took 15 second class passengers for Seattle and two for Ketchikan, all of whom are laborers who claim that they could find no work in Juneau.

DRAPER CLUB THANKS THE PUBLIC FOR HELP

At the regular business meeting of the Draper Club yesterday afternoon a vote of thanks was extended to all who helped to make the May day dance the complete success that it was.

It was discovered that after paying all the bills the club realized about \$670 net profit from the dance, which was for the benefit of the public library fund.

Death To Be Portion of Mexican Federals

DELAWARE FOR ALASKA COMMISSION BILL

Word from Washington is that there is not much likelihood of securing the passage of the "Alaska Development Board" bill, as the measure introduced by Senator George E. Chamberlain was called, or the "Commission Form of Government in the Administration of National Affairs in Alaska" bill, as the more amplified measure introduced by Delegate James Wickersham is entitled, at this session of Congress. A letter recently received from Delegate Wickersham by The Empire, says:

"There seems to be much opposition on the part of some members of Congress, who are afraid the government of Alaska will escape from the bureau and committees in Washington."

The Delegate adds: "I intend to support the President and Secretary (Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane) in urging this matter until we get the bill through, although I do not anticipate its passage at this session. Still, conditions might arise which will enable us to get it through earlier than we think."

Organization of Commission. The bill, which Delegate Wickersham (Continued on Page 3.)

BECKER'S SECOND TRIAL BEGINS.

New York, May 7.—The second trial of former Police Lieutenant Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal began this morning.

EVERY ONE CAN AT LEAST BE A BOOSTER

"A man's true worth is not measured by his muscle, his brain, or his money, but by the service he renders to the community in which he lives," says a noted professor, and probably there are few phrases that contain more truth than that. Stop and think how much you are worth to Wrangell, and get in and try to raise the standard a notch higher. There are many ways in which every man in Wrangell can be of service to the community, and one of them is by saying a good word for the city in which he lives every time he gets a chance, instead of going around complaining.—Wrangell Sentinel.

More Mexicans Leave.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The State Department has been informed that another refugee train containing 600 Mexican refugees left Mexico City at noon today for Vera Cruz.

Constitutionalists Dynamite Mazatlan.

MAZATLAN, Mex., May 7.—Constitutionalists dropped a bomb from a biplane into this city today and killed four and wounded eight.

Lane To Be Mediator.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It is rumored here today that Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane will be one of the American mediators at the conference May 18th.

O'Shaughnessy at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, formerly Chief of Affairs at Mexico City, arrived today and will confer with the President tomorrow.

Huerta Cannot Depend on Troops.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It is currently reported in Washington that John Lind has told the President that Gen. Huerta cannot rely on more than 6000 of his troops against the United States. This information is confirmatory of reports which have reached the war department.

Missouri Must Increase Militia.

JEFFERSON, City, Mo., May 7.—Adjutant-General O'Meara has received orders from the War Department to recruit the Missouri National Guard to five full regiments of 12 companies each.

Gen. O'Meara says it will not be difficult to fill up all the companies with recruits. In many sections of the State the applications for enlistment are greater than the number of places there are for recruits.

U. S. Orders 100,000 Shells.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The Frankfort arsenal has received a government order for 100,000 three-inch shrapnel shells, the largest contract it ever received.

PRINCE ALEXANDER BECOMES GOV-GEN. OF CANADA

LONDON, May 7.—Prince Alexander of Teck was appointed Governor-General of Canada today, to succeed H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught, uncle of the King. The appointment is effective October 1.

WHITE HOUSE WEDDING AT SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The marriage of Miss Eleanor Wilson and William G. McAdoo takes place at the White House at 6 p. m. today.

Vera Cruz, May 7.—Gen. Funston is being overwhelmed with Huertalista refugees from Mexico City. The supporters of the dictator have abandoned all hope that his government can continue much longer, and they are seeking the safety that, in their extremity, they know exists under the Stars and Stripes. Hundreds of those who feel their lives will be forfeited if they remain in the capital until the arrival of Gen. Villa or Gen. Zapata are reaching Vera Cruz daily and craving the protection of the American troops.

ZAPATA THREATENS TO SEVER ARISTOCRATIC HEADS

VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 7.—Huertalista refugees arriving here from Mexico City say that Gen. Zapata, who is moving on Mexico City, had sent word ahead that he will set up a guillotine in the square in front of the National palace and accumulate there a pile of the most aristocratic heads in the city.

Zapata's vengeance is directed largely against the wealthy class of the population.

Villa to Put to Death.

Scarcely less bloody are the reports that come to Mexico City, which are repeated by refugees in Vera Cruz, from Gen. Villa. The latter has made no secret of the fact that he has prepared a long list of those whom he has selected to put to death should he reach the capital.

Villa Will Have All with Him. The refugees say that it is a foregone conclusion that Gen. Villa, who is known to be making plans to reach the capital at the earliest possible date, will have not only Gen. Zapata's support, but that thousands of the lower classes of Mexico City will rally to his standard.

More Mexicans Leave.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The State Department has been informed that another refugee train containing 600 Mexican refugees left Mexico City at noon today for Vera Cruz.

Constitutionalists Dynamite Mazatlan.

MAZATLAN, Mex., May 7.—Constitutionalists dropped a bomb from a biplane into this city today and killed four and wounded eight.

Lane To Be Mediator.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It is rumored here today that Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane will be one of the American mediators at the conference May 18th.

O'Shaughnessy at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, formerly Chief of Affairs at Mexico City, arrived today and will confer with the President tomorrow.

Huerta Cannot Depend on Troops.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It is currently reported in Washington that John Lind has told the President that Gen. Huerta cannot rely on more than 6000 of his troops against the United States. This information is confirmatory of reports which have reached the war department.

Missouri Must Increase Militia.

JEFFERSON, City, Mo., May 7.—Adjutant-General O'Meara has received orders from the War Department to recruit the Missouri National Guard to five full regiments of 12 companies each.

Gen. O'Meara says it will not be difficult to fill up all the companies with recruits. In many sections of the State the applications for enlistment are greater than the number of places there are for recruits.

U. S. Orders 100,000 Shells.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The Frankfort arsenal has received a government order for 100,000 three-inch shrapnel shells, the largest contract it ever received.

PRINCE ALEXANDER BECOMES GOV-GEN. OF CANADA

LONDON, May 7.—Prince Alexander of Teck was appointed Governor-General of Canada today, to succeed H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught, uncle of the King. The appointment is effective October 1.

WHITE HOUSE WEDDING AT SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The marriage of Miss Eleanor Wilson and William G. McAdoo takes place at the White House at 6 p. m. today.