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**THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.**

**W**HAT effect the war now being waged in Europe will have upon the United States is a matter of more than passing interest, viewed from almost any angle. Of one thing we may be assured. This country will not become embroiled in it. A dignified and a strict neutrality will be maintained. No combination of circumstances can possibly arise that would make this nation an active participant in the European conflict.

The first direct result of the declaration of war in Europe, so far as the United States is concerned, has been to paralyze the stock market. European holders of American stocks are responsible for this condition. In a panic they wished to realize upon their holdings and the wholesale dumping of stocks demoralized the market to such an extent that the New York Stock Exchange was compelled to close its doors. This does not mean that there is a scarcity of money in America. There is plenty of it, but flooding the country with stocks held in Europe necessarily would affect unfavorably American stocks of all kinds no matter by whom they were held.

The demand for our agricultural products by Europe will no doubt be greater than ever before; and this may also be true of our manufactures. With most of Europe's industries paralyzed by what is termed in the dispatches the most terrible war since the fall of the Roman Empire, America will be called upon to meet the needs of the nations involved in it. Conditions in the United States will speedily adjust themselves to meet those of the European countries, and we will profit largely because of the insensate strife that has been precipitated by the act of a European war lord. The United States could get along exceedingly well without the kind of prosperity that follows in the wake of war. Prosperity for us in this war means starvation, desolation and death for the unhappy countries of Europe now embarked upon a titanic struggle the net result of which will be the sacrifice of much human life, the waste of treasure, and the impoverishment of the combatants.

**BITING THE HAND THAT WOULD FEED IT.**

**I**T may be stated as a postulate that Seattle has benefitted, directly and indirectly, by the gold discoveries in Alaska, and the development that has followed, much more than any other city; also that Washington State has been a large beneficiary. Much Alaska money has been invested, wisely and unwisely, in Seattle buildings and real estate; much money wrung from the goldfields of Alaska and the North has been planted in the soil of the Evergreen State, sometimes with profit to the planter, sometimes to his sorrow and grief. Seattle through the force of circumstances—adventitious and otherwise—has been enabled to command a large share of the trade and gold of Alaska. Alaskans are good customers and usually they pay their bills promptly and pleasantly. And so when business has been active in Alaska and the mines yielding generously of their riches, Seattle has grown and prospered and waxed rich and great. When business has declined in Alaska, through a decrease in the mineral output or by reason of the crass and stupid Alaskan policies of the two preceding National administrations, Seattle languished; business suffered perceptibly and the boom in real estate diminished with promptness, coupled with disappointment and disaster.

In justice to Seattle and her live citizenship let it be admitted that the importance of Alaska as a valuable "asset" of Seattle is fully recognized by them. Their withers are wrung whenever the business of Seattle with Alaska decreases; for whatever may be the faults, follies and foibles of Seattle and her people, overlooking a good thing is not one of them. Also let it be admitted that the people of Seattle have exhibited a keen—if somewhat selfish—interest in Alaska's prosperity. On many occasions they have rendered good and efficient service, and they have rendered it ungrudgingly. For which, at all times, thanks.

With the coming of the present National administration into power came the initiation of a decidedly new Alaska policy. The do-nothing-bottle-up-the-country-dog-in-the-manger policy of the two preceding administrations has been abandoned, and in its place a constructive, developing policy is assured. The importance of Alaska as a country abounding in marvelous natural resources has been recognized for the first time by this National government and the first steps have been taken to thrust in the master key and unlock the doors so that these resources may be used legitimately for the benefit of the people, including those of Seattle. And yet the leading newspapers of that city, and one of its representatives in Congress miss no opportunity to misrepresent and pillory the administration that is attempting to bring grist to the Seattle mill by striking the shackles that have hitherto bound Alaska. It is surely like biting the hand that would feed it. But to what base uses may the pursuit of bitter political partisanship come!

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**MINING APPLICATION NO 01672**  
 United States Land Office, Juneau, Alaska, May 14, 1914.  
**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and qualified to do and deling business as a corporation at Juneau, Alaska, has made application for patent for the Cross Bay, Expecter and Avalanche lode claims, Survey No. 988, situated on the north shore of Gastineau Channel about three miles southeast of the town of Juneau, Alaska, in the Harris Mining District, Territory of Alaska, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**Cross Bay Lode.**  
 Beginning at Corner No. 1 whence U.S.L.M. No. 1 bears N. 75° 22' W. 7465.15 ft. distant; thence N. 35° 08' E. to Corner No. 2; thence 47° 26' E. 1492.20 ft. to Corner No. 3; thence 35° 08' W. 385 ft. to Corner No. 4; thence N. 85° 39' W. 7.12 ft. to Corner No. 5; thence N. 43° 59' W. 352.70 ft. to Corner No. 6; thence N. 68° 01' W. 106.70 ft. to Corner No. 7; thence N. 20° 16' W. 94.70 ft. to Corner No. 8; thence N. 57° 39' W. 221.50 ft. to Corner No. 9; thence N. 40° 46' W. 257.70 ft. to Corner No. 10; thence N. 46° 26' W. 265.90 ft. to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning. Containing an area of 14,903 acres. Variation at all corners 31° 45' E.

**Expecter Lode.**  
 Beginning at Cor. No. 1 whence U. S. L. M. No. 1 bears N. 82° 45' W. 6293.64 ft. distant; thence N. 38° 05' E. 482 ft. to Corner No. 2; thence S. 45° 08' E. 1498.50 ft. to Corner No. 3; thence S. 38° 08' W. 535 ft. to Corner No. 4; thence N. 62° 02' W. 129.20 ft. to Corner No. 5; thence N. 46° 41' W. 320.30 ft. to Corner No. 6; thence N. 49° 44' W. 401.90 ft. to Corner No. 7; thence N. 39° 48' W. 394.50 ft. to Corner No. 8; thence N. 38° 02' W. 314.70 ft. to Corner No. 9; thence N. 36° 26' W. 199.60 ft. to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning. Containing an area of 18,920 acres. Variation 31° 45' E.

**Avalanche Lode.**  
 Beginning at Corner No. 1 whence U.S.L.M. No. 1 bears S. 87° 42' W. 5081.78 ft. distant; thence N. 38° 08' E. 550 ft. to Corner No. 2; thence S. 45° 08' E. 1498 ft. to Corner No. 3; thence S. 38° 08' W. 482 ft. to Corner No. 4; thence N. 36° 26' W. 82.40 ft. to Corner No. 5; thence N. 59° 55' W. 431.60 ft. to Corner No. 6; thence N. 40° 44' W. 401.90 ft. to Corner No. 7; thence N. 54° 37' W. 280.60 ft. to Corner No. 8; thence N. 39° 57' W. 315 ft. to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning. Containing an area of 18,639 acres. Variation 31° 45' E.

The names of the adjoining claims are the Mammon, North Star, Evening Star, Morning Star, (unpatented lode claims and the Homestead patented lode claim. So far as is at present known there are no outstanding, valid and subsisting conflicting claims. The location notices of the Cross Bay and Expecter lode claims were recorded on the 16th day of June, 1894, in Book 9 of Lodes, at pages 286 and 287, respectively, of the records of the Recorder for the Juneau Recording Precinct, Alaska. The location notice of the Avalanche lode claim was recorded on the 23rd day of May, 1901, in Book 16 of Lodes, at page 73, of the records of the Recorder for the Juneau Recording Precinct, Alaska. This notice was posted on the ground on the 14th day of May, 1914. **ALASKA GASTINEAU MINING COMPANY.**  
 By—E. L. THANE, Agent and Attorney in fact.  
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