

The Million \$ Mystery TONIGHT

Owing to the great popularity of this greatest of all serials, Manager Crandall of the Lyric (Juneau) will run each episode for three nights each week. This episode—"A Battle of Wits"—is exceptionally good both from a dramatic and photographic standpoint.

"His Wife's Child" is a strong drama in two reels, featuring emotional little Florence Lawrence. The comedy is a very laughable Joker production which is sure to please all.

Miss Violet will sing a new one, entitled "Over the Hills to Mary." Remember this delightful program Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at THE LYRIC (Juneau).

PRIZE BEAUTY IS ALSO HONEST

ST. LOUIS—Miss Helene Edwards, 18 years old, of this city, who recently was declared the most beautiful girl in St. Louis in a beauty contest, returned to T. E. White of the Marquette hotel \$3,120 in promissory notes and bills, which he lost at the Press Club Frolic at Delmar Garden. White, who is a salesman for the Carleton-Ferguson Dry Goods Company, had little hope the money would be returned and did not even advertise for it. He was dumfounded when the wallet which contained the money and notes was returned to him at the hotel, and was further surprised when the person who found it asked for not reward.

Miss Edwards, who is employed at a local department store, said she found the wallet lying on a chair in the villa. She was seated at a near table. The wallet also contained an insurance policy for \$100 and this, she said, revealed the identity of the

owner. It was only after White had insisted that Miss Edwards accepted a reward.

PROSPERITY ONLY TEMPORARY SAYS PROMINENT LAWYER

SEATTLE, June 29.—Believing that Alaska has a wonderful future as a mineral producer Judge K. R. Rabbit, counsel for Hayden-Stone Company, and the Jackling interests, will leave for the North on a pleasure trip. He is registered at the Hotel Washington and is accompanied by his family.

Judge Rabbit expressed the opinion that the European war has created a false prosperity in this country and that the country will not recover its normal condition until the present tariff law is repealed. He believes that a Republican majority will be returned at the next national election.

While in the North Judge Rabbit will inspect the Alaska Gastineau mine, owned by his clients.—(Seattle Times.)

ESKIMOS OF FAR NORTH SPECULATE UPON FATE OF VILHJALMAR STEFANSSON

NOME, April 13.—The absorbing question of whether the intrepid explorer Vilhjalmar Stefansson and his brave and resolute companions, Storcken Storkenson and Ole Anderson are yet alive some where far out on the ice bound Polar Sea is again revived by recent reports received by the Nugget from our special correspondent at Barrow who tells a strange tale brought by the natives out of the far off reaches of the dim and ice-locked North which may have some bearing on the answer for which the world is waiting.

Throughout the long months since that courageous trio set their faces toward that ghostly far off goal across the frozen windswept snow and ice lying white and silent over the Beaufort Sea, no word has come to the anxious ones who waited for their return. No hint has the mysterious North revealed of what has been the fate of those brave men who dared the awesome darkness and the bitter cold that mangled might learn of what lay beyond the outermost rim of the silent Arctic shores. No word has come from east or west, since that memorable day in April, 1914, at the time they said their last farewell to the supporting party and turned their faces to the frozen sea, the icy North has swallowed them up and none can guess their fate. "Don't bother about hunting for me," were the last words of the intrepid explorer when taking final leave of the returning party, but fears for his safety have led men to disregard the explorer's last injunction but no search has so far revealed the slightest trace of his whereabouts.

Some where, perhaps, far out on the barren, ice-hemmed reaches of the Polar Sea, those brave men are yet struggling onward in their quest of unknown lands; perhaps they lie stiff and inanimate, victims of the Northland's fury, beneath some wind swept snow drift. Who can tell? One message and one alone has

come from out the bleak and desolate wilderness beyond the Arctic shores, during all the long period elapsing since those men started forth on their long journey.

From the far off icy Cape has come a message which may at least throw some light on the question of the fate of those men who started so bravely forth across the Arctic Sea. Within its briefly worded depths may lie a hint of what the icy north has long concealed. Again one cannot say, it at least contains the possibility that it may have some bearing on the fate of those brave men and as such is worth recording in brief the message sent to the Nugget from Barrow states that icy Cape natives, hunting seal far out on the Polar Sea, report having seen a lone man walking along the edge of a widely separated floe. The natives thought at first that it was perhaps one of their own men named Sikrikoruk, but on returning home learned that it was not an icy Cape man as all were accounted for. The natives then hurried out to the spot hoping to take the traveler from his precarious position in their skin boats, but on arriving at the edge of the pack no trace of the man could be seen owing to the ice upon which he was walking having drifted so far out to sea that it was lost to sight in the Arctic haze. Locally along the coast, both east and west has failed to reveal the slightest hint of who this lone wanderer might be but at least it has been fairly well ascertained that it was none of those who reside in the vicinity of icy Cape or Barrow.

When last seen the ice upon which the man was walking was moving with wind and current in a southerly direction and he was walking in that same direction. The wind and currents are variable in these northern latitudes and the natives were not surprised when on their return to the scene they could see no sign of the stranger. Could this have

been a member of the Stefansson expedition wandering alone, the sole survivor of that intrepid trio perhaps in search of succor from the Arctic shore? Or was it perhaps some member of the crew of the ill fated New Jersey, crushed in the resistless grip of the mighty ice pack last fall, who was also striving to reach the sheltered land? Perhaps the answer will never be known. Those of the North think Stefansson, at least is still alive and some where out on the wind swept Arctic wastes.

The bold explorer was no novice at the game of daring the Frost King's might. Behind the journey to which he had set himself were years of experience and he knew and understood the hard task that he was facing and also knew many tricks whereby the grim battle for life might be maintained under the most adverse circumstances. He could live and thrive on a straight meat diet as well as the Eskimo, the men of the north-land say, and they further affirm that he has often said that the best salad he ever ate was old seal oil with reindeer hair to keep it down. Such

men die hard, the Northerners say, and on this belief, they base their conviction that the bold explorer yet survives. As further proof that yet there is hope they point to the instances where natives have been blown to sea on the ice pack with nothing but their sealing gear and have returned unharmed after an absence of over a year. Stefansson was well supplied with an outfit and ammunition, they affirm and possessing all of the cunning of the native could live on the old ice pack indefinitely. However, none can tell what has transpired on those frost blighted wastes around the Pole. Perhaps those dimly seen yet strange onward, perhaps the North has gripped and crushed them in its resistless grip. Perhaps the last wanderer was the last remaining member of that little band making a desperate effort to return to shelter and the haunts of men. No one can guess what grim chapter has been written on the pages of the North during the last year and time alone can reveal the truth.—(Nome Nugget.)

William Sulzer Discusses Alaska At Seattle

By J. J. UNDERWOOD in Seattle Times

SEATTLE, June 28.—Another big copper producer will be added to Alaska's already long list within two weeks. William Sulzer, former governor of New York, arrived in the city yesterday and will leave soon for Ketchikan, Alaska, where he will open the property owned largely by the Sulzer family, about forty miles from Ketchikan. He is registered at the Rainier-Grand.

Within two weeks the property will be shipping 1,000 tons of ore per month and perhaps a great deal more. The mine has produced \$1,250,000, of which \$232,000 was expended in Seattle for supplies and equipment.

Under the supervision of Charles Sulzer a brother of the former New York governor, forty men will be put to work as soon as preparations are made. The Sulzer mine was closed down last September, when copper dropped to 7 cents a pound. At the present price of copper the ore yields an average profit of \$30 a ton. Sulzer will take with him a big consignment of supplies.

As a Congressman from the State of New York, Sulzer caused to be enacted more Alaska legislation than any other member of the House. Besides laying the foundation for the construction of the government railroad by bringing about the passage of the bill that created the Alaska Railroad Commission, Congressman Sulzer put through the Alaska delegate bill, the Alaska revenue bill, under which all federal monies collected in the Territory are re-expended in the Territory instead of going into the government treasury; the Territorial government bill, the Alaska road bill, the fishing bill, the mining bill and many other measures. He also took a hand in the formation of the Alaska code.

Sulzer, who has made many trips to all parts of Alaska, is strongly of the opinion that the cheapest and the best thing for the government to do is to divide Alaska into three parts—two states and a territory, and he predicts that this will be done within the next twenty years. He says that there is less similarity between the needs and wants of the people of the Southeastern and Northwestern part of Alaska than there is between Arizona and Maine. He says South-eastern Alaska should be called the state of Seward, Southwestern Alaska the state of Sumner, and all the country north of the Yukon, where the temperature is excessively cold in winter, should remain the Territory of Alaska. Under this plan, he believes, the people would be able to develop the country themselves without help from the federal government and that the development of the latent material resources would greatly benefit the people of the whole Northwest country.

While the Alaska railroad will not benefit either the tin mines at Nome, or the copper mines of Southeastern Alaska, in which the former New York governor is interested, he believes that it will prove of great benefit to the country as a whole, not only in developing the resources contiguous to it, but in advertising other parts of the country.

Alaska Needs Capital
"What Alaska needs worse than anything else," he said, "is capital. There are half a dozen good little copper mines in the region where we operate but the men owning them need air compressors and other machinery. Mining copper by hand drilling is too costly."

Except to remark that the fight against Tammany in New York will be continued and that unless Boas Charles F. Murphy takes a back seat in Democratic affairs, the state will go Republican, Sulzer refused to talk politics. In regard to the war, he said that every patriotic American should stand by the President.

He wanted to talk about Seattle and Alaska, both of which he says have

made great strides since he first visited them twenty years ago. "Years ago," he said, "I predicted that Seattle was destined to become the commercial metropolis of the Pacific coast. What has been accomplished here in the intervening years demonstrates the truth of that prophecy. Seattle is a great city, and it will become greater and more famous. I am fond of it and take pride in its growth, success and prosperity. At the same time I want to say to its inhabitants that Seattle owes much to Alaska and should be the best friend Alaska has in all the country. Alaska is Seattle's door of opportunity."

Alaska's Opportunities

"Nine-tenths of the people of America," he continued, "have no idea of the vastness of Alaska; the extent of her domain; the grandeur of her climate; the greatness of her mountains; the length of her rivers; the possibilities of her fisheries and her forests; the grazing advantages in her valleys for sheep and cattle; her splendid agricultural resources; her incalculable mineral wealth; and her splendid homes for the multitude in the land up there that affords opportunity for the earnest worker and the brave pioneer."

"Alaska's production of mineral wealth is growing apace. The mineral production for 1914 is estimated at \$28,370,000, of which \$17,150,000 was copper and gold. The gold production of 1914 amounted to \$14,225,749. The copper output is estimated at 22,900,000 pounds for 1914, against 24,689 pounds in 1912. Alaska mines and quarries in 1914 also produced silver, tin, coal, marble and gypsum to an estimated value of \$790,000, an increase of \$400,000 over 1912. The total value of Alaska's mineral production since 1880, when mining first began, is, in round figures, \$205,000,000, or more than forty-three times the sum paid to Russia for the Territory."

"I repeat now," said the ex-governor, "what I have said often before, that Alaska is the wonderland of the world. God's own country. No words can adequately describe it. The time, in my judgment, is at hand when the vast Territory must be developed by American genius, American capital, and American enterprise, and take my word for it, there will be no more prosperous section in all our progressive country for American brawn and American brain. Alaska is the place for the new settler—for the hunter—for the man who wants to go ahead and get on."

Wants Her Rights

"Politically speaking, Alaska wants her rights—that's all. That is destiny. Alaska with her increasing population of patriotic people; Alaska with her beautiful scenery; her magnificent distances; her snow-capped mountains; her majestic rivers; her fertile fields; her great industries of fish and fur and timber; Alaska with her great agricultural possibilities; Alaska with her immense wealth in gold and copper and silver and lead and tin and iron and coal—mineral wealth beyond the dreams of the most imaginative person in the world; Alaska with her brave and loyal and God-fearing American citizens; Alaska with her splendid public institutions; her towns and her villages; Alaska under the wonders of the Northern lights, and in the shadow of the midnight sun. Alaska with her inspiring sights, her ancient glaciers; Alaska with her great harbors and innumerable lakes, and countless cascades; Alaska in the name of all these, and more that I have not time now to enumerate, simply asks, from Congress, just treatment, and she must receive just treatment, from the President and the politicians in Washington."

RUBY ENTERTAINS JUDGE C. E. BUNNELL

RUBY, June 12.—Judge C. E. Bunnell, having relinquished Alaska's title to a trip to Long City, returned here after arriving at Ruby last Saturday the people of the creek town manifested the happy idea of giving a public reception to him jointly with Senator Dan Sutherland, who had arrived from the scene of his late labors at Juneau. The reception was given Monday evening in Moose Hall and was very cordial and appropriate in every respect.

Two hundred and fifty or three hundred people were present. Judge Bunnell made an address on several topics, which was well received by the audience. It was said that he is the first Federal appointee to visit Long.

Senator Sutherland elucidated some of the acts of the legislature, especially the mining law. In returning to Ruby Judge Bunnell rode in an ordinary freight wagon. He has since been twice heard to voice the opinion that the most urgent need of the camp is improved roads.

Which is altogether creditable to him. Some men might get a shaking up like that and lay the blame to the wagon.—(Ruby Record Citizen.)

TO OBTAIN MATERIALS FOR ALASKA RAILROAD

SEATTLE, June 27.—Requisitions for material for forty miles of the permanent way of the government railroad in Alaska have been received by the purchasing agent Dole at the local office of the Alaska Engineering commission. The list includes 2,950 tons of steel rails, 70 pounds to the yard; 14,400 pairs of angle bars, 275 kegs of track bolts; 84,000 hard spring washer nut locks; and 2,200 kegs of track spikes. The delivery is expected by September 15, the remainder to be on the ground within forty-five days thereafter.

The local office has about seventy-five horses, ten miles of twenty-pound rail and ten miles of fifty-six pound rail to be used in construction work. The supplies will be sent North within the next two weeks.—(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

BALTIMORE SENDS FOR MECHANICS OF ALL KINDS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—The Maryland Steel Company, located adjacent to Baltimore, has sent an urgent call to Pittsburgh for machinists, lathe turners, boiler makers, riveters, and other classes of skilled workmen.

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LUSITANIA VICTIM WAS INTERESTED IN ALASKA

Among the victims of the Lusitania horror was Dr. Fred S. Pearson, head of what has been frequently termed the Pearson Syndicate, whose representatives made a careful investigation of Alaska three years ago with a view to making investments there following the restriction of their efforts in Mexico. Dr. Pearson was president of the Mexican Northwest Ry. and was interested in a great many projects in Mexico, Spain and the United States. He was born at Lowell, Mass., July 5, 1861, and 22 years later graduated from Tufts College. He taught in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and later at Tufts, after which he followed the profession of mining engineer. His interests included steam and electric railroads and electric power gold and copper mines.—(Seattle Railway and Marine News.)

W. G. Weigle, district forest supervisor, is a guest at the Gastineau.

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