

FUNTER MINING MAN ILL HERE

William Hunter, a pioneer mining man of Funter Bay, was brought to Juneau last night seriously ill with pneumonia. He was taken to St. Ann hospital and is under the care of Dr. L. O. Sloane.

LOSSES IN WAR NEARLY \$15,000,000

The French ministry has compiled and issued a statement showing the total losses of all countries from the beginning of the war to May 31 to be 14,328,000, as follows:

WATER SHORTAGE TROUBLES MINERS OF FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS, July 25.—From mining men who arrived in town from the creeks it is learned that the water shortage is causing some anxiety among the operators. Immediately after the labor troubles were settled, and full crews were put to work, and then a new trouble, in the form of a drought appeared. Yesterday a number of the outfits, at the head of some of the better producing creeks, were compelled to shut down for part of the day.

One operator said yesterday that unless there is a good rain within the next few days, there will be little shuling on some of the creeks. At the head of Cleary Creek, on Ester creek on Goldstream and some of the operators on Pedro are suffering from the shortage.

ANOTHER AUTO STAGE FOR FAIRBANKS TRAIL

FAIRBANKS, July 27.—W. E. Terrell, the pioneer freighter has succeeded at last to the wives of an automobile and is making his first efforts now to break into the auto stage business between here and Chitina. He knows the big trail like a policeman knows his beat.

HER HEART

Knicker—She's a peach. Bocker—Cling or freestone?—(New York Sun.)

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ROUNDLY ENDORSED

J. L. McPherson, secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, will ob among the passengers on the steamship Victoria, due to touch here tomorrow, on her way South from Nome.

On August 8, at a well attended, enthusiastic mass meeting at Nome, Mayor Diamond presiding, Mr. McPherson made an effective address regarding the holding of a semi-annual Alaska purchase celebration in 1917.

WEALTHY EASTERNER VISITING HERE IS NOW REAL ALPINIST

Gaspar G. Bacon, wealthy Bostonian, and E. W. Lombard, a New York financier, were introduced to Alaska mountain climbing Sunday in dead earnest. The Eastern capitalists, who are here with Sanford Makeever, nda are interested with him in the Alaska Gold Belt mine, accompanied a number of Juneau men on a deer hunt at Twin Point.

NEW PLANT FOR UNGA IS READY

SEWARD, Aug. 7.—That the cyanide plant which is to work the tailings of the A. C. Company's mine at Unga, has probably started operations today is the statement of G. K. Carter, the contractor and builder, who returned from Unga on the Santa Ana after having fulfilled his contract with the owners of the big plant.

SUBMARINES AND AIRSHIPS WANTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Secretary Josephus Daniels, of the Navy Department, declared today that the sentiment in the United States was overwhelmingly in favor of increases in the army aerial craft, and in the number of submarines.

CATHOLICS CHANGING PRIESTS AT DAWSON

DAWSON, July 30.—A change is being made in the clergy at Dawson. Rev. Father Allard, who has been here for years, and who is temporarily on the Stewart River, on a visit to the Lansing Creek Indians, will be back in a few days, and will be transferred soon to Prince Rupert, where he will be promoted to an important charge, a reward for many years of application and successful labors in his field in this territory.

IT COST SOUTH AFRICA \$67,000,000 TO TAKE COLONY

CAPE TOWN, July 10.—The cost to South Africa of the war in Southwest Africa, which resulted in the loss of that country by Germany, is estimated in official circles at \$67,000,000. The suppression of the rebellion at home was responsible for the expenditure of an additional \$20,000,000.

U. S. ON EVE OF BIG TRADE BOOM

BOSTON, Aug. 4.—It is still an open question perhaps, whether the country is entering upon one of its old-time eras of speculation, but despite all the froth and excitement there are grounds for believing that the United States is on the eve of one of its periodical booms.

ANCHORAGE LOT SALE IS OPENED AGAIN

Yesterday morning the government sale of lots in the recently opened townsite at Anchorage was resumed under the direction of A. Christensen of the Field Service.

FIND MOLYBDENUM AND UNCOVER AN INDIAN LEGEND

FAIRBANKS, July 26.—From Rainy Spirit Mountain, a small consignment of molybdenum sulphate is brought to town by W. H. Newton, the Healy River trader, who arrived in Fairbanks yesterday afternoon.

Molybdenum is used as a dye color for expensive crockery and chinaware and the total production of the world is small. Although valuable, Mr. Newton says that it is so located that it is difficult to obtain, and possibly it would not be any get-rich-quick proposition.

An Indian legend is wound around molybdenum, which is of more or less interest. According to Chief Healy, of the upper Tanana river tribe, there was a mighty hunter in the early days who paid no attention to the usual festivals and at the potlaches had no eyes for the maidens, although many of them tried to beguile him.

After some time the maidens became angered and would not even pay any attention to him. That suited the hunter for a time, but finally he decided that he wanted to take unto himself a wife. He set out, at the next potlatch, to make love to several, but they would have nothing to do with him, while they lavished their affections on the other young men of the tribe.

Knowing of the deposit of molybdenum on top of Rainy Spirit mountain, he journeyed to the summit just before the next potlatch and obtaining some of the metal, made a paste and polished his body with it, until he shone like silver from head to foot. Going to the potlatch he proved irresistible, the molybdenum demonstrating that it had charms to attract the young like of which had never been seen before. The young hunter then had no trouble in taking the pick of the tribe, and as the story went lived happily ever afterward.

Other young men of the tribe let it be known that they would attempt to get some of the metal from the mountain top, but the hunter warned them that it was protected by the Spirit of Rain, and if they tried to climb the mountain they would be drowned. A number of them did try to get to the summit but all lost their lives, after being driven back by a torrential rain.

When Mr. Newton climbed the mountain the Spirit of Rain was evidently sleeping, but he awakened before he got down the mountainside and for fourteen hours, Mr. Newton was forced to fight against a terrific storm.

The molybdenum will be placed in the Northern Commercial Company window today, and will be exhibited for several days.—(Fairbanks Times.)

BIG LEAGUE SCORES: YESTERDAY'S GAMES:

Table with columns for League, Game, and Score. Includes Northwestern League, National League, American League, Federal League, and Big League Baseball.

SENATOR WEEKS CHANGES HEART AS TO ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, July 26.—That Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, who is prominently mentioned as Republican candidate for President, has changed heart regarding Alaska and is now a booster instead of a knocker, is stated by J. L. McPherson, secretary of the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Weeks, in making the trip from the East to San Francisco fair, dropped off at Seattle for a short time. While there he was the guest of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon. Mr. McPherson was asked to find a few prominent Alaskans for the dinner and he rounded up C. K. Snow, of Ruby, and Representative Moran, of Seward Peninsula.

After the luncheon the Senator told Mr. McPherson that he had been opposed to Alaska in the Senate, and had fought the railroad bill and other matters, but in the future he would be with those fighting for her interests.

As the Senator has an excellent chance of being the Republican candidate for President, it is important to Alaskans that he feel friendly disposed toward the Territory and when he pledged his support to the cause of the Territory, the members of the Alaska Bureau were much pleased.—(Fairbanks Times.)

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