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ALASKA MINING NOTES

Indications point to the year 1921 being the greatest year for development along all lines in Alaska that the territory has ever experienced. Eastern papers, papers that are read by millions of people, papers that guide public thought and determine the policies of the nation, are taking Alaska seriously at last. Not only are they taking the territory seriously, but they are, without exception, advocating a wider freedom for the people here, a release from a bureaucratic government and from a tangle of departments that duplicate each others' work when they are not absolutely antagonistic. The nation is being taught to realize that Alaska is an asset of untold permanent value instead of a flimsy treasure box to be looted as quickly as possible and then deserted. The United States is beginning to learn that the wealth of the territory will steadily increase if its natural resources are properly developed and fostered.

It is believed a big concentrating proposition has been located 18 miles down Portland canal from Hyder on the Alaska side. The property, as described by Emil Davis, consists of eight claims which are crossed by an immense vein at least 200 feet in width, and samples brought to camp show a considerable amount of molybdenite and give encouraging assay returns in gold and silver. The big lead lies only one and one-half miles distant from tidewater, and all physical features are favorable to its economical development. The property is owned by Emil Davis and J. W. Marr.

Interest is centering more and more on the Alaska side of the Salmon river on account of new discoveries and good results obtained from the development of older properties. On Fish creek it is now conceded that there is more than an even chance that at least three properties will become shippers. These are the Titan group, owned by S. P. and Jack Fitzgerald and L. Jessen, upon which diamond drilling is now proceeding, the Fish Creek Mining Company's property, a Seattle corporation registered in Alaska, of which W. R. Tonkin is president and manager, and the Lucky Boy group owned by S. G. Benson and associates.

At Seven-mile, Dan and Andy Lindeberg have been developing a property, and to date have driven more than 100 feet on a lead which is said to give values around \$200 per ton. This is right on the wagon road.

The New Alaska has taken a new lease of life and it is stated on authority that development will be carried on all winter. The property is at Eleven-mile and is crossed by a wagon road.

Numerous locations have been made this season on Texas creek and several outfits have worked all summer.

The government will complete the bridge this fall across Salmon river at the mouth of Texas, which will give access to these properties and also provide a much better route to

claims on the B. C. side than that now followed. Such properties as the Forty-Nine, Hercules and claims on the west side of Salmon glacier will be especially benefitted.

A series of several snow sheds have recently been completed at the Alaska Juneau mine to protect the track used for tramping waste rock from the mill to the channel. The sheds are built where the track is exposed and apt to become blocked with snow during heavy snow falls. With these sheds constructed the management hopes to be able to tram rock all the year around.

Winter mining activity is expected in the Kantishna district. A hydraulic outfit is being installed by Billy Taylor and H. Van Orsdel for extensive use next season. Dr. Sutherland, Jack Howell and Carl Selberg of Fairbanks, are installing another hydraulic plant in the Kantishna district. Thomas Aitkin is continuing operations in the Kantishna on his galena mine. Much of the ore taken from the mine during the summer could not be transported on account of low water, but Aitkin announces that the work will continue to be operated all winter.

W. A. Muloche, engineer for the Algonican Development Company, engaged in developing a mine on the Bear river in the Hyder district, and up until last fall in work on the Jualin mines in Berners bay district, was in Juneau last week.

He has been representing the company in the Hyder district this summer. Several years ago he was stationed at Jualin as an assayer. Significance is attached to his visit on account of the statement made during the summer by Jean Vanophem, president of the company, that work would be resumed this winter and that the development program would be carried out until the mine is on a producing basis.

Roy Clothier, with a small force of men, has been developing the property of the Indian Mines Ltd., on Salmon river with gratifying results. A new vein of high grade ore, free from zinc, has been opened up. Mr. Clothier is highly pleased with the results so inexpensively obtained.

This company owns four claims on the west side of Cascade creek, opposite the Bush claims, on the south end of Missouri ridge, between the Salmon river glacier and Cascade creek. They are at an elevation of about 2,400 feet and fourteen miles from tide-water at Stewart. No work has been done on the property since 1913.

FRANCE GIVES STATUE AMBASSADOR WALLACE

PARIS, Nov. 3 (by Associated Press).—A miniature statue representing the French soldier has been presented to Ambassador Wallace by a committee of the friends of the polytechnic school of Paris. The presentation took place in the American embassy and the purpose of the gift was to express to the ambassador and to America the school's appreciation for American aid.

The statue is that of a French soldier with a banner uplifted toward the sky and is entitled "For Country, for Science, for Glory." The original of the statue is at West Point. It was given to the United States military academy by a committee of the polytechnic school which visited America last spring and is by the French sculptor, Theunissen.

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