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MUSEUM GETS BURIAL PLATE ANCIENT DATE

Another interesting relic of Russian days of occupation of Alaska has been added to the Alaska Museum by the presentation of a brass plate, believed to have come from an old Russian grave, by James Russell of Juneau. While it is impossible to accurately fix the date of the plate, it is possible that it goes as far back as 1800, although it may be of a later date, according to Rev. A. P. Kashevaroff, curator of the museum.

Mr. Russell procured the plate from an old Indian who claimed to have received it from his grandfather who was a native of Yakutat. According to the story told by this native, the plate was in possession of his family long before he has any recollection.

The Yakutat post was established in 1795 by Baronoff and was destroyed by the Indians in 1905 in reprisal for the Sitka trouble in 1804. There is no record of the names of the people residing at the Yakutat post other than those of its three commanders, Kuskooff, Polomoshni and Larionoff. The latter with the rest of the Russians at the post were killed in the Indian attack, only Larionoff's wife and children being spared.

There is no name, date, place or other mark of positive identification by which the time can be fixed. Inscribed on the plate in Russian script is an epitaph which has been translated by Rev. Kashevaroff as follows: Being born with a sympathetic and tender soul,

He hastened along the pathway of this thorny life.

But first he had experienced two severe events:

A bloody war and bold journey around the world.

Mournful friends in an unpeopled and languid country

Have honored his dust with a warm and sincere tear.

Relatives and dear ones beyond the blue seas:

Do not grieve for him, he has been called by the heavens.

The plate has been in the possession of Mr. Russell for about 10 years. Although its possession originally by Yakutat natives might indicate that it came from that place, according to Rev. Kashevaroff, it may have come from the Russian post, Nutchek, established on Hinchinbrook Island in Prince William sound prior to the founding of Yakutat, or it may even have come from Sitka and been manufactured there years after the destruction of Yakutat. The plate is 25 inches high by 15 inches wide and about one-eighth of an inch thick. It has been placed on exhibition in the museum.

COW MAKES RECORD MILK PRODUCTION

LONDON, Jan. 29 (by Associated Press).—Colton Secret III, a British Friesian cow, has set a new record for milk production in this country, by yielding ten and on-half gallons of milk in 24 hours. In nine months she has given nine tons of milk or 15 times her own weight.

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BRITISH WISH TO STAVE OFF EMIGRATION

LONDON, Jan. 29 (by Associated Press).—The British government is beginning to put into effect its plan to keep within the boundaries of the British empire the emigrants from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland who want to seek new homes in distant parts of the world.

This empire settlement scheme has been held in abeyance since the war because there were so many soldiers to be repatriated; but the first large party comprising 1,100 emigrants has just left for Australia. This party is under government direction and the emigrants received a certain amount of government assistance.

Sir James Connelly, agent here for western Australia, announces that for the next two years 1,000 emigrants will be sent to Australia each month, their passage being paid by the government.

The government has openly expressed its disfavor toward schemes for emigration from the British Isles to South American countries. In consequence, a campaign by Peru to induce English and Scotch to come there and settle has been abandoned after hundreds of them had accepted offers for free transportation to that country.

STOWAWAYS SEEKING PASSAGE TO AMERICA

HAMBURG, Jan. 29 (by Associated Press).—Stowaways from virtually every country in the world were found aboard the Spanish steamer Mar del Norte before it sailed from here for the United States. The captain had to call the port authorities to help him clear his ship of the unusual number who were seeking an unpaid passage to America.

Among the stowaways were Englishmen, Americans, Australians, Africans, Chinese and Indians, as well as a number of Germans. All declared they wanted to go to the United States to find employment.

HEBRIDES ISLAND STRONG FOR "DRY"

STORNOWAY, Scotland, Jan. 29 (by Associated Press).—The Island of Lewis, the largest of the Outer Hebrides, has overwhelmingly voted "dry" in the prohibition poll taken here.

For total abolition there were 780 votes; for no change 149, and for limitation of drink licenses, 5.

As a result, all licenses on the island will be annulled next May.

Lewis is a rugged island which abounds in ancient Druidic structures and ruined old-time fortresses.

AUSTRIA OPERA PRICES CONTINUE ON ASCENT

VIENNA, Jan. 29 (by Associated Press).—Prices of the state opera and the state theater again have been increased until a box at the opera now costs 288,000 crowns for 200 performances, as against 1,250 crowns in the old days.

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