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SEWARD, ALASKA, TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1915.

Seward is glad to have Chairman Edes back once again. While the people of this district know that Mr. Edes and the other members of the commission reported to the president and the secretary of the interior strictly what they had ascertained in relation to the country and the different routes, the feeling exists that the names of the members of the government engineering commission must always be associated with Seward's success.

In the selection of Mr. Edes to head the commission the administration was influenced only by the fact that Mr. Edes had achieved eminence in his profession. In the selection of this route for the great trunk line the administration was undoubtedly influenced only by the impartial report of the commission. There were fights made by other places but Mr. Edes, Mr. Mears, Mr. Riggs and the administration found what all the people of this district honestly believe, and that is that no other route offered the same advantages. All of them chose according to the facts in spite of the strong pressure brought from other quarters.

And now when the chairman of the commission begins the work he does so amongst friends who want to see him so successful that his name will always be associated with the development of the great territory.

The government is now preparing evidently not only to dispose of the townsite at Anchorage but may also sell the lots on the ground taken over in this city. The following interview with Agent Christensen of the land office before he left Juneau for Anchorage tells more of the intentions than anything else that has been printed:

"We have no regulations or acts to go by in this matter and the members of the commission and myself will take the matter up and make recommendations to the department. I really do not know what method will be used in disposing of the lots. We may decide to hold them and lease them at a nominal rental, or we may sell them at a nominal sum with certain restrictions making the sale for the benefit of the public and not the speculators.

"Then again we may sell them at auction to the highest bidder, but I hardly think so, as that would be playing into the hands of the speculators who have money to invest.

"People have been rushing into Ship Creek so fast and settling on the reservation that they are hampering the railroad work and something must be done with them. Mr. Warner will survey the townsite and probably the settlers will be moved so as not to interfere with the work.

"There will probably be a townsite at Matanuska Junction where the branch to the coal fields leaves the main line and we will have to make the necessary surveys there, and maybe at a couple of other places up the line. Then the large tract at Seward will probably be laid out and placed on the market although we cannot tell what regulations the department will finally make in the matter."

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE NORTHLAND

The lure of a new Alaskan camp is upon the people of Cordova. Ship Creek looks good, at least for this season, to many of our business men and others. Already Finkelstein & Sapiro have gone to establish a branch of their clothing and gents furnishing business.

Capt. Lathrop has sent some teams and wagons to do a drayage business. Also the lumber to put up a building and establish a moving picture house.

Billy Bolte took over a restaurant outfit which he sold to engage in the hardware business.

A. Laska went over first and then had his stock of miscellaneous goods shipped to him.

And now N. Dietrick is about to send over one of his two plants and establish a bottling works.

Doc Schmitz will soon take over part of the stock of the Northern Drug Company and open up a shop where all human ills may receive some panacea.

Fred Schringer, the well known restaurateur, will go over on the next steamer with an idea of getting into business.

C. P. Mickelson has been advised that there is need for a cigar and pool room, and he may take a chance in the near future.—(Cordova Alaskan.)

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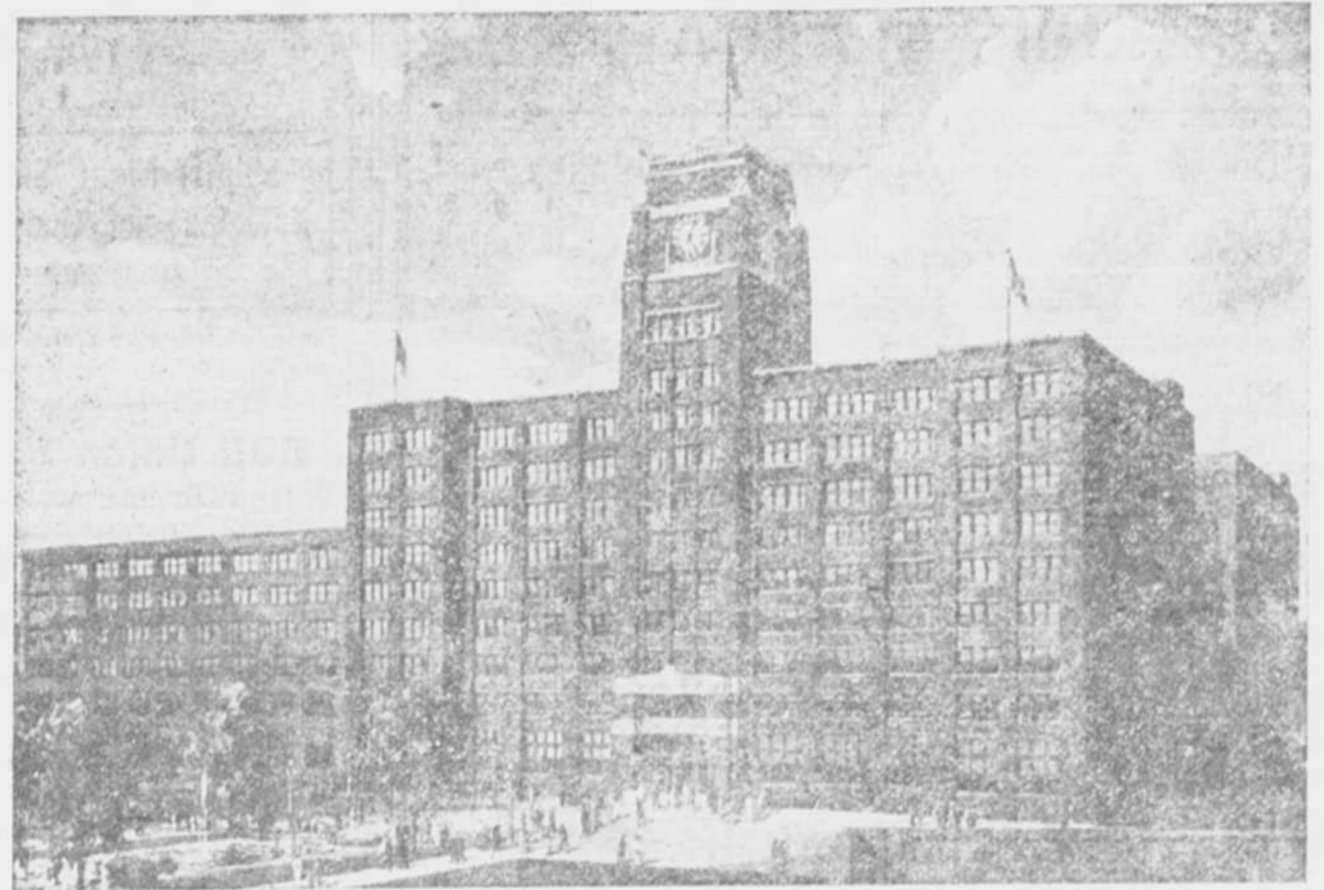
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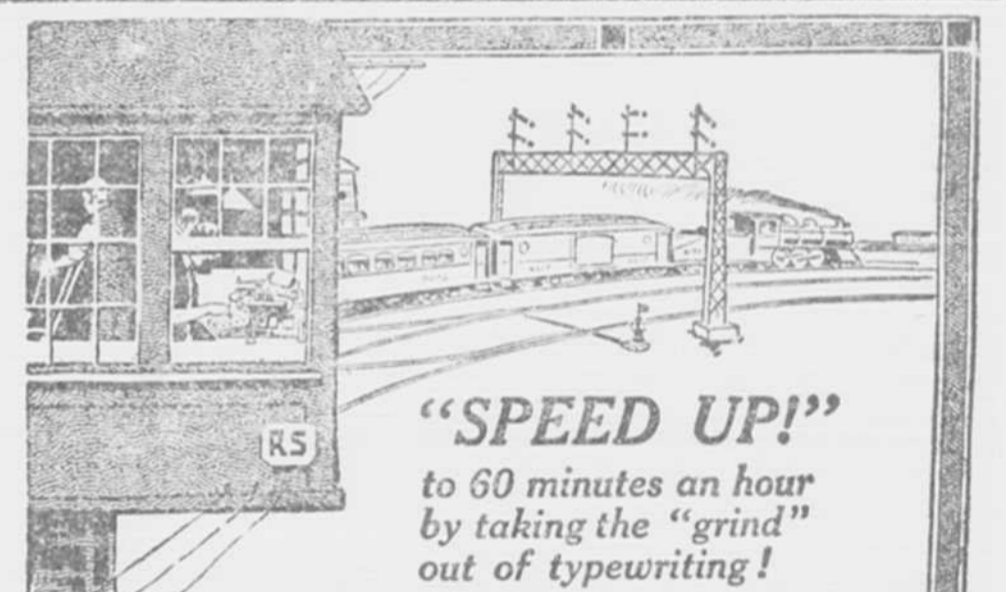
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