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MAJOR DISASTERS

and Sudden Death---

1. See VG picts. and story (ADVENTURE Jan. 1958 pp 20)

MARBLE

See Skagway Daily Alaskan 7/21/1901 about marble being found on Prince of Wales Island near Shakan (Page 2)

A.R.M. 8/11/1900 Marble found near Shakan---20 men work.
Emp. 2/27/1922/3 Alaska marble quarries to operate again. Vermont Marble Co. at Shakan and Tokeen. The first marble was taken out in 1906 and the first load shipped out was on the barge "Chinook" towed by Carey Davis Tow-boat Co.'s "Tyee"

Emp. 3/7/1927/8 Vermont Marble Co. begins seasons operation at Tokeen. Shut down last Oct. for winter.

Emp. 7/13/1927/2 Vermont Marble Co. has made new discoveries at Calder and in El Capitan Pass and can operate for many more years. Now has 70 men at Tokeen and can accommodate 125.

MARBLE

Alaskan.

5/7/1931/2 Tokeen Marble quarry starts operations again.

3/14/1932/2 Tokeen Marble plant starts; 70 men on job.

Has been idle since 1928. Supt. C.C.Thomas and 70 men came from Seattle.

MARY ISLAND

Customs House.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 7/18/'91 Customs House was to be built this year on Mary Island.

Empire: 1/3/1920 Leslie Williams, 17 fell over a cliff on the island and was killed; Chas. Chapman, age 17 went for help to the light-house where they had been spending a Xmas vacation with the light keeper Herbert Scott, age 60 Scott went to help and became exhausted then froze to death. Chapman made it back to the lighthouse and is in a serious condition in the Ketch. Gen. Hospital.

Emp. 2/14/1921 Troller "Vinland" is a total wreck on Mary Island. Coming from Ballard. Harry Loomis and Carl Erickson, the two men on her are believed lost.

MASSET

British Columbia

1. Pict and story page 47 Dec. '52 Pacific Fisherman.

MATANUSKA VALLEY

~~Emp. 4/12/1935~~ ~~Articles of incorporation for the Alaska~~
~~Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to handle the Matanuska~~
~~colonization project were filed today with Territorial Au~~
~~ditor, Frank Boyle. ETC.....~~

MATANUSKA VALLEY

- 12/23/1934 Wash. D.C. approves Matanuska Colonization Plan
- 4/13/1935 Call for first bids on Matanuska " " Project
- 4/15/1935 100 families leave Middle-East next week for
Matanuska Valley.
- 4/17/1935 Juneau Lumber Mills to furnish all lumber on low
bid, to Matanuska Colony. U.S.A.T. "StMihiel" to bring
1500 people on relief rolls from Michigan, Wisconsin,
and Minnesota, to Matanuska on May, 1st.
- 4/23/1935 "North Star" leaves S.F. tonight with 100 men--
vanguard of Matanuska colonists.
- 5/2/1935 "North Star" arrives Juneau with 118 colonists
and is loading lumber.
- 6/13/1935 30 disgruntled colonists quit. To be shipped
back to U.S. (Anchorage does not want them either.)
- 6/19/1935 Matanuskans protest conditions.
- 6/28/1935 VG For and against Matanuska project. VG.
- 7/16/1935/8 Some of the colonists are not farmers admits
Government investigators, etc.
- 9/4/1935/7 Work on Matanuska to be finished by mid-Oct.
170 families of the 200 are still on the project.

2/14/1936/2 Matanuska a 'joke' says Fred Ordway. Suggest
mosquitoes for feed!

5/15/1936 First anniversary of landing of Pilgrims at
Matanuska.

MATANUSKA VALLEY

Picts. of.-----

1. V.G. group pp. 24 in July 1956 Alaska Sportsman.

MAYO

Yukon River town.

Emp. 5/11/1925 Mayo destroyed by fire.

McKINLEY PARK

Alaska

1. Good picts. and article. Aug. '53 National Geographic

METLAKATLA

Alaska town.

1. Good History of the town---Father Duncan and all.
See ALASKAN (Sitka) 5/25/'89
2. ALASKAN (Sitka) 8/17/'89 says Wm. Duncan bought a steam sawmill outfit at Portland, to replace the one at Metlakatla that burned last spring. Also, says that Aug. 7, 1889 was second anniversary of founding of the town.
3. ALASKAN (Sitka) 2/21/'91 More history of town; p.4.
4. VALDEZ NEWS 8/10/1901 says 'big fire destroys town of Metlakatla, church and all.
5. D.A.Disp. 8/6/1912 pp.3: Metlakatla Indians Strike: Left Father Duncan's cannery for Ketchikan where they get nearly double the wages. F.Duncan threatened them with expulsion from the Island if they don't come back.
6. D.A.Disp. 1/12/1915 Father Duncan arrives in Juneau; The peppery old gent is now 83 yrs. old; tells troubles
D.A.Disp. 1/13/1915 pp 4 More about Duncan's troubles.

D.A.Disp. 4/3/1915 pp.7; Father Duncan said to be looking for a new townsite...

D.A.Disp. 7/29/1915 and more on pp.5 7/30/1915--To Oust Father Duncan from Metlakatla/

D.A.Disp. 8/13/1915 Gov't. takes over Metlakatla.

D.A.Disp. 5/18/1916 Metlakatla cannery burns to ground. Fire of undetermined origin. Supt. W.G.Beattie says the P.E.Harris Co. recently leased the cannery from the natives.

D.A.Disp. 8/6/1901 V.G. story of Metlakatla fire. More of this fire which was on July 22, 1901 at 08:00 see paper D.A.Disp. 8/14/1901

D.A.Disp. 2/24/1902 pp-4; Father Duncan is in Juneau and tells history of Metlakatla.

D.A.Disp. 12/11/1918 pp.5; Will of Father Duncan is read. 86 years old.

D.A.Disp. 8/20/1918 pp.8 Father Duncan dies at Metlakatla

D.A.Disp. 6/29/1905 Metlakatla is being wiped out by a fire according to reports received here today.

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METLAKATLA

- Emp. 1/9/1923/3 Dedication of new church at Metlakatla
held today.
- Emp. 5/23/1924/2 Bill seeks to open Annette Island to
mineral land claims.
- Emp. 1/8/1927 A new company was formed on Annette Island
by Rev. Sanborn---a 3-line cannery, box factory, sawmill,
and boat building shop.
- Emp. 4/8/1927/3 Rod Davis, City Councilman and acting Mayor
of Metlakatla is in Juneau. He is one of Southern dist-
ricts most prosperous citizens and owns two fish trap.
- 9/30/1948 Metlakatla undecided about fish traps. Mayor
Rod Davis says no resentment as they are locally owned
- 10/5/1948 VG Propaganda history of Kasaan, & Hydaberg---
against fish traps.

METLAKATLA

2/19/1934/8 Floyd Patterson, 28, and a young Metlakatla Native girl were ordered to leave Metlakatla, drunk, etc. They left in Peterson's boat and were wrecked on the way to Ketchikan. Body of the girl was found today but Peterson's was not recovered. The boat a total wreck.

5/30/1936/7 VG Early history of Metlakatla.

10/18/1938/8 Cannery puts up 198,000 cases.

12/23/1939/7 Metlakatla has a population of 674 persons now according to census and had 466 in 1930 when the last census was taken.

7/11/1947 Annette Island Indians to finance own power plant.

10/18/1948/6 Storm destroys 150' of new dock at Metlakatla.

METLAKATLA- FIRES

1. Larry Atkinson, 20, burns to death. (J. 1-A; pp. 28)

METLAKATLA FIRES

Annette Island

6/21/1954 House burns down---1 dead. (See N.B.
JUNEAU 1-A; pp 28)

MINES AND MINING

Alaskan

1. See page 2 DAILY ALASKAN (Skagway) 5/26/1901 for V.G. on largest nuggets found in Alaska---where, and value.
2. ALASKAN (Sitka) 2/23/'89 says First patent issued for mill sites in Alaska arrived at Douglas on the mail str. (from Wash. D.C.) It grants the Paris, Bean, Alaska Belle and Matthew Mills sites on Douglas Id. to the Alaska Mill & Mining Co.
3. ALASKAN (Sitka) History of Alaska Marble (John the Baptist Bay--1874)
D.A. Disp. 5/24/1913 U.S. Inspection Report for 1912--V.G. Tells of all S.E. Alaska Mines for that period.
D.A. Disp. 5/9/1901 Mine salting is a fine art and much resorted to in these times...
D.A. Disp. 5/9/1901 pp.4; Rodman Bay Mng. Co. Str. "Tonquin" arrived in Juneau today.
ALASKA NEWS (Back of Alaska Journal) 5/14/1896 Dick Willoughby has sold his rich claims in Funter Bay. V.G.

For more -- see cards under company names as 'Apex El Nido'

Emp. 11/11/1922/6 Claim made that the famous 'Lost Rocker
Claim has been found in Farragut Bay. About 13 miles
up the Farragut River. V.G. acct.

Emp. 5/28/1926/8 Development of Pinta Bay Mine to continue..

MINES AND MINING

- 5/26/1931 Apex el Nido Mine plans larger development---
Capt. J.H. Cann is in Juneau.
- 6/24/1931 Third company starts work at Chichagoff. (Bez)
- 8/14/1933 Joe Hamblet of Ketchikan, owner of the Gold
Banner Lode at Thorne Arm, obtains a patent after 33 yrs.
4 of 6 lawyers involved have died. Case is unique in
annals of Land Office. VG story..
- 9/17/1935/2 Mining short course to be held in Juneau soon
This will be the first time out of the U. of Alaska.
- See card on RED BLUFF BAY in 3 x 5 file Chromium
- See card on SNIPE BAY in 3 x 5 file Nickel
- 9/17/1937/2 Apex el Nido mine broke a compressor and work
will be temporarily suspended. Geo. A. Clothier, co-own
er is in Juneau for parts, etc.
- 4/29/1939/8 New supt. W.H.Marquette, here, to run Apex
El Nido mine. Plans to use new floatation unit.
See cards under specific minerals as GYPSUM, etc...
- 10/28/1939/5 Apex El Nido closed down for winter. Brings
in a \$10,000. gold brick.

11/15/1940/2 Yankee Cove Gold Mining Co. incorporates.

Dr. L.P.Dawes, Harry L.Stanton, Sam Paul.

11/15/1940/3 Berners' Bay mine at Kensington, files for
incorporation.

MINING MEN

S.E. Alaska mines.

Emp. 4/18/1915 James L. Freeburn of Chichagoff Mine, in J.
Emp. 4/18/1915 Chas. Otteson--purser on "Georgia"

MISSIONS

Alaskan...

D.A.Disp. 6/29/1918 pp.5 The oldest mission on the Bering
Coast, the Reindeer Mission Building, 7 miles across
the Bay from Teller, was destroyed by fire.

MODELS

Of ships, etc.

1. Old side-wheelers and screw type pass. vessels. See/
pp. 48 (Museum Pieces) Jan. 1954 S.&S.

MOSER BAY

S.E. Alaska

Probably named for Capt. Jefferson C. Moser of the Fisheries str. "Albatross" 1897 etc.

MOUNTAINS

In Alaska.

1. Mt. Makushin Book 32 Page 35
2. Mt. Vsevidof (volcano) " " " 35
3. Mt. McKinley first seen in 1794. V.G.
4. V.G. of Fairweather Range and Malaspina Glacier, etc.
pp. 29. Sept. '54 A.S.
5. Empire: 6/20/1919 pp.6; Mt. Robert Barron (Funter Bay)
has been named for young Robert Barron who was killed
in the War I..
6. Mt. Shishaldin (Pict.) pp. 23; A.S. Aug. 1956.
8/15/1940 Brad Washburn party climbs Mt. Bertha.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

~~Italian duke climbed Mt. St. Elias in 1897 thinking it
highest on N.A. Continent. A/S Apr. '58 pp 42.~~

6/12/1946/5/ Maynard Miller to climb Mt. St. Elias
8/17/1946 Mt. St. Elias climbed by first Americans---
Maynard Miller and party.

WE CONQUERED LOGAN. A/S Apr. 1959 pp 22.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

The Alps

K.D. News Nov. 12, 1957. Europe's rugged Alps, an eternal challenge to man's spirit of adventure, dealt out death to 285 climbers this year. It was the most tragic mountaineering season ever recorded.

An A.P. survey made as Nov. snows ended the Alpine climbing season, showed this country-by-country toll: Germany 43; Switzerland 111; France 42; Austria 109 and Italy 80.

Veteral Alpinists said most of this year's dead were amateur climbers who ventured into the mountains without proper equipment or professional advice....

MOUNT MC KINLEY

Alaskan peak

MEN Vol. 11 No. 3.--Challenge of the Big Hill by
Ozzie Sweet.

During winter 1909-10 a gold miner (Tom Lloyd) hit the bar in Bill McPhee's Fairbanks bar and declared that Cook (Dr. Frederick A. Cook--1906) did not climb 'that hill' and "I'm going to prove it!" Argument followed.

Billy Taylor, 22, young Canadian, Pete Anderson, 44, a husky Idaho Swede who could snowshoe 40 miles without drawing a heavy breath, Charley McGonagell, 40, a wiry prospector from Michigan and Tom Lloyd who was over 60., made up the party. McPhee and two saloonkeepers chipped in \$500. each to grubstake the expedition. None had ever climbed a mountain before. Their 'high altitude rations' consisted of beans and bacon. Agreed there would be no one roped to the others and also pulled a 14' flag pole and 12' flag with them. Started up in Feb. 1910. On Mar. 20th they had reached the 15,000' level and pitched camp. Early morning of May 3, Anderson said he was 'sick of cutting ice steps and was going on up without further waste of time. Lloyd

could climb no higher due to his age. Anderson packed the pole, Taylor the flag and McGonagell the doughnuts he had made. McGonagell turned back at 18,000' while the other two went on up with the 14' spruce pole. They reached the Northern summit 20,000' and returned to their camp 18 hrs later after putting up the flag and pole and bracing it with 50' of clothes line for guys.

Two years later, Hudson Stuck, an official of the Episcopal Church, led the first credited ascent of the southern summit. At 17,000' one of his guides saw, through binoculars, "Plainly, prominently and unmistakable," the sourdoughs flagpole, glazed with ice and snow but still proudly upright. They had blazed the highest trail on the continent.

Alaska Sportsman Sept. 1956---VG picts. and story of Dr. Fredrick Cook and also Charley McGonagall, who climbed Mt. McKinley at different times. (pages 6---)

6/10/1947 Scaled by Brad Washburn party.

8/1/1947 Three U. of Alaska (Vets) climb Mt. McKinley in only 17 days.

7/20/1948 Three U. of Alaska youths reach top of McKinley.

MOVIE PEOPLE

Alaska movies

10/2/1928 Mae West was arrested for indecent exposure in "Pleasure Mad". She is said to have spent ten days in jail last year on a similar charge.

7/3/1930 Rex Beach's "Silver Horde" to be filmed here--- with Evelyn Brent, Raymond Hatton, Louis Wolheim, and Joseph Rupp, in cast. Beach's "Iron Trail" will also be filmed but in the Cordova area.

8/21/1933/8 3-masted aux. scho. "Nanuk" here with movie crowd on board. Filming "Eskimo" Capt. Lane commanding.

MUKILTEO (Wharf)

PHP-42

1. Stbd. bow from bayside of ~~old~~ sailing ships at dock.
(Porthole)

MUMMIES

Etc.

5/14/1930/8 A mummy of a Chinese child, covered with blankets and wearing a Chinese necklace was found in Thomas Bay by IM M. Dahl, who was prospecting in the area. Found in a cave.

MURDER CASES

(Alaskan)

1. Red Bat. --Thelma Smith Envelope No. 10.
2. Campbell Murder case " " "
3. Soapy Smith story by Harriet Pullen " "
4. Jack the Ripper-- and other mysteries. Envelope 16.
5. D.A.Disp. 5/20/1915 pp.3; More on the Dundas Bay Murder (I. Itow being tried in Juneau court for murder he committed in 1912---Charged with running a sword through Frank Dunn, while the latter was being held by two other Japs
6. D.A.Disp. 2/22/1917 pp.5 Homer Bird hanged legally at Sitka many years ago. (Supposed to be first hanging in Alaska---but that more or less distictive act goes to Juneau.)
- 7/ Murder on Nunivak Id. pp. 16; May 1954 A. Sportsman.
8. D.A.Disp. 11/16/1899 Triple murder on King Id. Shuk - Kah is in the Juneau jail...
9. D.A.Disp. 11/21/1899 'Kah Klish' a woman, is on trial in Juneau for a murder she committed at Killisnoo.

ALASKA MINER 3/17/1900 Indians murder T.S.Norton and his wife who were camping on Sullivan Island.

D.A.Disp. 3/10/1903 Homer Bird---his story of the killing (Bird was hung last week)

D.A.Disp. 8/1/1901 Four miners were ambushed and killed on Unimak Id. presumably by the natives.

D.A.Disp. 4/28/1902 pp.3; Geo. Hansen, wife and daughter all natives, and Thomas Johnson, a white man are missing. Their camp was found, near Petersburg, burned to the ground. Foul play suspected; rumored that Johnson was supplying booze to Hansen, then 'using' his wife and daughter...

D.A.Disp. 3/9/1903 Homer Bird hung at Sitka--Case reviewed

D.A.Disp. 8/31/1917 pp. 1. McLean murder trial at Seward (Nushagak school teacher)

Empire: 9/5/1919 Wm. Dempsey the real bad Alaska murderer is captured---mob violence feared--feelings running high
More 9/6/1919 Empire.

Emp. 7/24/1924 M.Husukoi, Jap, killed a girl, her mother, and himself in a shooting at Earl Ohmer's shrimp cannery today. (Not sure if at Petertown or in Port Snettisham)

MUSEUMS

Alaska Territorial
and others.

See card on HISTORICAL SOCIETIES (this file) for start of Territorial Museum in Juneau.

Empire: 7/1/1920/7 A.P.Kashevaroff appointed curator of the Territorial Museum and Library at the A.B.Hall.

Empire: 9/10/1920/2 Museum opens to public in A.B.Hall...

Emp. 5/21/1921/2 Territorial Museum buys fine mineral collection of 'Old Stand' Saloon.

Emp. 5/11/1923/8 Agreement reached by territory on Garside Building. The Museum will very soon be moved from the A.B.Hall to the new building.