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OCEAN CURRENTS

Any and all.

Gulf Stream----see STRANGE RIVER pp. 18 S&S Winter 1955
Emp. 7/19/1940/6 in a story on Sitka men chartering Shell
Simmons and his Lockheed to look for albacore tuna
100 miles off Sitka---the Japanese current is called
"Koshiwiro"
(Somewhere I have something on Japanese current in which
it is called "Kuro-shiva" or some such name.) CHECK!

OCEANS, OCEANOGRAPHY, ETC.

Salt water, etc.

11/26/1928/3 A 30' wide 'ocean' has been discovered near the geographical center of the U.S. A salt-water pool near Cawker City, Kansas. It is known as Waconda springs (Indian for Great Spirit) Never freezes or changes level.

8/25/1948/8 Tuna caught near Ketchikan Ocean temp 64°

ODD NAMES OF PLACES IN ALASKA

~~See card this file on UNUSUAL NAMES OF PLACES~~

OIL

Some History of

Picts. and story in Large Envelope No. 20.

D.A.Disp. 11/23/1914 pp.3; Petroleum was known in 2000 BC

D.A.Disp. 12/18/1900 History of discovery of oil in Alaska
A V.G. account---summer of 1898.

Emp. 7/12/1922/8 W.G.Cheney, first man to drill for oil
in Alaska (at Katalla) is in Juneau.

Emp. 9/2/1922/4 Oil permits issued to 6 persons---in the
Cold bay and Katalla districs and near Anchorage....

Emp. 9/19/1922/3 All fuel oil will be found in the Cold
Bay area. (Something in every paper since Sept. 5th
about oil stampede etc.

Emp. 1/26/1923/5 Oil drilling started at Cold Bay.

Emp. 3/10/1923 Most powerful oil drilling plant in the
world has been set up by the Std. Oil Co. at Cold Bay.

Emp. 7/16/1923/8 Associated Oil Co. abandons well in Cold
Bay area.

Emp. 12/12/1924/2 Heavy flow of gas at Kanatak stops Std.
Oil from drilling further. Down 3015 ft.

- Emp. 3/23/1926 Standard Oil Co. stops drilling in one part of Cold Bay and may start in another place.
- Emp. 4/3/1926 W.J.Erskine of Kodiak says the Standard Oil quit drilling at Kanatak because of the high costs under present conditions.
- Emp. 5/20/1926/8 General Petroleum Co. ready to drill for oil at Yakataga.
- Emp. 6/23/1926 Std. Oil Co. quits Kanatak oil drilling...
- Emp. 1/5/1927/7 V.G. History of first oil well in 1859 in Pennsylvania. Edwin L. Drake had Wm. A. Smith drill it for him. 69' down they struck oil, etc...
- Emp. 1/10/1927/6 General Petroleum Co. files articles of incorporation in Alaska.
- Emp. 7/7/1927/8 Yakataga oil well down 1500' Gen. Petr. Co
PATHFINDER May, 1925 The Coal Bay oil fields. Cold Bay, Salmon creek-Bear creek Anticline; Oil creek area, Ugashik creek Anticline. Kanatak oil town and Portage Bay oil drilling. V.G. with picts.
- 3/22/1939/8 Std. and Associated Oil Co's. resume drilling in Jute Bay on the Alaska Peninsula.

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Drilling, explorati

6/23/1936/3 Oil men to try for gusher in Iniskin Bay.
7/27/1937/6 Report oil strike at Haines---13 to 20' down.

VG grade too.....

6/24/56--Oil search to start in Yakutat area---from there
down to Cape Fairweather---by Colorado Oil & Gas. Co.
million & a qtr. acre lease.

Men and equipment arr. at Yakutat to drill for oil for the
Colorado Oil & Gas Co. One million & a qtr. acre area.
Geologists working between Yakutat Bay and Mt. Fairweathe
& have a helicopter. (KDN. 6/27/56)

Strollers 8/27/1921-- Anchorage Times claims that geolog-
ical indications and seepages prove that an oil field
underlies the area.

2/3/1938 Alaska Oil Explorations to be pushed at once!
Standard, Union and Tidewater to drill on Alaska Penn.
across from Kodiak Island.

2/10/1938/8 MV. "Suaco" 63' here with S. d. Oil drilling
crew for Larsen Bay.

- 2/11/1938/2 More on Oil----S.S. "Northwind" chartered by Iniskin Bay Oil Co. Iniskin and Cold Bay both looked good last summer.
- 5/12/1938/8 Geologists hunt for oil at Yakataga, Katalla and Jute Bay for the Std and Associated Oil Companys.
- 8/15/1938/8 Gas may gush at Iniskin Bay--pressure terrific.
- 8/30/1938/6 Oil tests fizzle at Chitina Bay--Iniskin oil drilling operations.
- 5/23/1939/8 Ten BBLs. oil flow from Iniskin Drilling Co. well which is down 7500'
- 7/18/1939 Iniskin Oil Co. down 8260' in 'good sand and oil strata8..
- 8/26/1939/3 Oil hole at Chitina Bay of Iniskin Oil Drilling Co. is now down over 8500' and still passing through shale and oil sands.
- 9/23/1939/6 Iniskin Oil Drilling Co. stops for this year. Are down over 8700' and no oil yet.
- NOME NEWS 10/17/1902 VG Big gusher comes in at "Cotella" (Katalla) Before being capped the oil gushed to 150'
See good description and story in VALDEZ PROSPECTOR for
9/11/1902

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Seattle P.I. 2/24/1957--- What makes the oil in an oil well shoot up into the air when the well is drilled?

Ans. Natural gas, which lies under pressure in the pores of the rocks and sand where the oil is located. As the well is bored into the earth, this gas is released, and it spurts up to the surface, bringing oil and mud with it.

DISCOVERY AND HISTORY OF OIL. (NOTE BOOK No. 27; pp 90--91)

8/14/1945/5 Navy drilling test well at Umiat (Barrow)

9/12/1945 Petroleum indications in Western Alaska about 150 miles W. of Kodiak on Alaska Penn.

K.Chron. 4/4/1937/4 Over \$400,000. spent in Iniskin Oil Drilling last season and more to be spent this year says Supt. H.E.Havenstrite.

7/16/1949 Beach oil seepage at Katalla is under inspection

7/25/1949 Natural gas found in Arctic (Pt. Barrow/ area.)

4/29/1952 New Oil Well to be drilled near Cordova.

5/7/1952 Deep Rock Oil Co. of Tulsa, Okla. to explore the Katalla area this summer.

12/31/1952/3 Shell Oil Co. plans Alaska oil searches next year at Katalla, Yakutat and Cooks Inlet.

D.A.Disp. 10/30/1899 Petroleum discovered in Cook's Inlet
near Kyak Island---with traces of oil found for 20 miles
around the Island.

1/31/1903 ALASKAN (Sitka) VG Kayak Oil fields.
More 5/23/1903 and all thru this paper from Jan.on.