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Guide to Collection

Alaska Juneau Gold Mine strikers and riot, 1935

PCA 391

1 folder  
8 photographs: b&w

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### Historical Note

In 1934 the Alaska Miner Workers Local No. 1 formed to give voice to the employees' concerns over wage and working conditions. They first demanded one day per week off, and received that concession. On May 22, 1935, after four months of negotiations for better working conditions, the A.J. miners went on strike. On June 24, a riot broke out. Five people were hospitalized and 27 arrested after the melee was subdued with tear gas, fire hoses and clubs. The strike was ultimately unsuccessful. [From *Hard Rock Gold*, D. Stone, 1980, pp. 69, 70, and Earl Redman's "History of the Mines and Miners in the Juneau Gold Belt....," 1988]

### Scope and Contents Note

The eight Winter & Pond photographs show scenes from the Alaska Juneau Mine employees' labor strike and subsequent riot, June 24, 1935. (The photographs may also be found in PCA 117, Nos. 146-155).

### Inventory

- 1 [Group (strikers/miners?) standing outside the offices of the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. (AJGM)] (W.P.Co. #7)
- 2 [Several strikers beginning to fight ] (W.P.Co. #9)
- 3 [Six men carrying off injured man] (W.P.Co. #8)
- 4 [Large group of strikers/miners outside of AJGM offices, watching a fight; man on the ground] (W.P.Co. #10)
- 5 [Large crowd (strikers/miners?) surrounding car and walking down Franklin Street, in front of A.M Geyer Sheet Metal Works.] (W.P.Co. #3)
- 6 [Similar to 5; more distant view] (W.P. Co. # 2)
- 7 [Similar to 5] (W.P. Co. # 4)
- 8 [Men watching from roof while strikers march down Franklin Street] (W.P.Co. #5)