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6/15/1936/5 VG Long-standing claim of Wales Island Pkg. Co. cannery settled. Government paid $100,000. The cannery operated for two years then ended up on the wrong side of the Canada-Alaska boundary when the question settled—when tribunal passed possession of Wales Island to B.C. in 1903.
D.A.Disp. 11/20/1914  Canada blanks off Broughton Strait forcing U.S. vessels to either run up the 'outside' or use Wayinton and Blackney Passage, as desired. (An attempt to force the U.S. into War I on the side of the British.)

D.A.Disp. 1/30/1915 pp;4; Alaska steamers salvaged by Canadians---Why? Old Law of 1890 V.G.

D.A.Disp. for mid-July 1901 for the British Flag incident at Skagway---V.G. Mentioned in several issues this mo.

D.A.Disp. 9/25/1902 pp-4  Canada has no claim to a seaport on Lynn Canal...

D.A.Disp. 3/26/1903  Canada again claims Lynn Canal—they have maps supporting their claim, etc...

Empire: 6/5/1920 Alaska has been barred to Canadian S.S. lines! New Marine Bill passes congress!

Emp. 4/25/1923 Canadian patrol vessel "Malaspina" fired on, and hit the U.S. fishing vessel "Siloam" of Seattle which was caught poaching off Solander Island., B.C.

Emp. 4/28/1923/ More on the "Siloam" trouble. Capt. John Courage, says he was not poaching...
Emp. 8/8/1927  Sir Hugh Dennison says Skagway being deserted (practically) is a shame and criticizes U.S. for allowing this to happen. He suggests a lease to Canada of the port as a corridor.

Emp. 9/14/1927/6  U.S. fishing vessels again warned about fishing in B.C. waters....

Emp. 5/28/1956  Delegate Bob Bartlett proposes corridor for Canada thru S.E. Alaska in exchange for share of Yukon River power.
CANADA-ALASKA TROUBLES

K.D.N. 6/8/1956 Canadians warned of U.S. Deals... Van. B.C. lawyer Leon Ladner said U.S. is trying to obtain millions of h.p. from Canadian waters which B.C. will need some day. Says B.C. would 'probably come out on the short end of deals between Can. & U.S. officials, in exchanges affecting natural resources.

K.D.N. 6/9/1956 Heintzelman Prediction "Surprising" say Canadian official. Gov. B.F.H.'s prediction of new A route highway through B.C. is surprise to Them. Can. Highway minister P.A. Gagliardi at Kamloops said the highway could only be built as a defense measure, and if the federal gov't. gave permission we wouldn't stand in the way. Adds that he 'can't see need for such a highway--at least not until present highway has been paved and a lot more crowded than it is now. (Gov. H. told convention of Wash. State bankers in Seattle.)

PWB. Aug. 1956 pp. 18/ Should there be a legal shipping corridor for B.C. through Alaska Panhandle?

7/14/1942/6  U.S. Customs denies halting Canadian troops coming to Alaska.

11/26/1937  B.C. Premier Pattullo says Alaska highway funds likely, but wants a deep sea port in S.E. Alaska. Avers Canada is not after S.E. Alaska!

(See file card on ALASKAN HIGHWAY No. 2)

6/23/1944/6  Four U.S. drag boats seized by Canada--they cut out livers, and dumped fish in Canadian harbors, etc. legally they are not allowed to anchor only in case of storms, etc.
6/13/1934 S.E. Alaska may have a canal—Plans afoot to dredge the 2 miles from head of Hetta Inlet to head of Cholmondeley Sound.
CAPE FANSHAW
Stephens Passage

THE OLD HULK ON THE BEACH IN CLEVELAND PASSAGE ON WHITNEY ISLAND IS THE "AMELIA" (See file card)

EMPIRE: 3/31/1920/5/ Fanshaw is becoming a busy place----Geo Ramstead and Emil Lange will put in a large store soon. There are now three canneries there--Marathon Pkg. Co., (and Trading) Sanitary Pkg. Co., and Capt. Rapp's new cannery built last year. Also there is a mild curing plant the Pacific Mild Curing Co. It also has a U.S.Post Office.

Emp. 10/9/1924/8 Old Marathon Pkg. Co. plant at Fanshaw is being dismantled and will be moved to Cape Chacon area. The mess house and bunk house are going to Pybus Bay.
CAPE SPENCER Light station.

1. Air view--from Juneau paper. Book #33; page 41
2/ Good close-up of the lighthouse from a small boat. PP. 15; May 1954 Alaska Sportsman
Story of the young Coastie who blew out to sea in Dec. 1952. See pate 41; Book #33
CARIBOU
Alaska animal
VG pict. of big buck  A.S. pp. 26; May, 1956
J.C.M.R. 1/28/1892 V.G. History of the discovery of the Cassiar Mining Dist. in 1870 by Thibert and McCullough.

Emp. 9/8/1924 Gold strike reported in the Cassiar!

Emp. 5/11/1925 Stampede to Cassiar. Ice out of Stikine.

SEE WRANGELL SENTINEL May 14, 1925 for V.G. full account of new gold strike.
1. Port Malmsbury and Turnabout Island. (J. l-A; pp 28)
8/1/1939/2 Limestone cave a quarter mile long and 30' high and 40' wide has been found on Chichagoff Island near Rust Lake. (Above Hirst Chichagoff Mine)
C. C. C.
Civilian Conservation Corps.

7/16/1942/3 C.C.C. liquidated in Alaska after 9 years.
See. good article (Threat of Chief Seattle) in ARGOSY for May Feb. 1954 on my shelves. pp. 41. U.S. May have to revoke Indian treaty. (NOTE BOOK 27; pp17) See VG. pics. and story in (PWB Apr. 1957 pp 10)

1/26/1950/§ Salmon shortage at Celilo Falls! Indians ask Federal Aid...
6/18/1931/2 Pacific Coast Cement Co. quits. Alaska holdings on Dall Island taken over by Superior Portland Cement Co.
Official S.E. Alaska census figures listed. Complete census figures for Alaska towns for this year.

Alaska Census figures for 1940. Population of Alaska officially given as 71,911. It was 59,278 in 1930.

Juneau official census given as 5781 (Inside city)

Nome 1385 (Gain of 326 over 1940)

Cast Channel population: Juneau 5761; total 7559; Ketchikan 4791; Wrangell 1221; Petersburg 1574

Haines 331; Port Chilkoot 92

Census reports by Betty Jo Gronroos.

Juneau (city) 5820
J. (Adjacent) 1120
Douglas 690
Petersburg 1605
Metlakatla 800
Skagway 761

Ketchikan (city) 5202
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4/4/1952/5   Juneau still second largest city in Territory. Anch. 11,254; Juneau 5,956; Fairbanks 5771; and ---this is for inside city limits only. Greater Juneau had 8758, etc.....
1. New additions to CHARTS Navigation...

See pp. 27 in PWB. for Oct. 1954
D.A.Disp. 10/5/1917 pp.8; A gold brick valued at about $22,000. was stolen from the Chichagof Mine last Mar.

---trial of the two men apprehended, being tried in Juneau----V.G.

Empire: 8/3/1920/ Court orders the Chichagoff Mine to close down---on Tuppela's claims!

Emp. 9/30/1921/8 Hurricane at Chichagoff wrecked No. 2 bunkhouse yesterday morning and killed one man and injured 5 others.

Emp. 8/23/1923 Chichagof Mine deal closed--work to start soon; Jackson and Castleton are the buyers.

Emp. 11/15/1923/8 Chichagof Mine to start at once says Supt. Geo. T. Jackson.

Emp. 11/21/1923/2 Fifteen men taken out to open Mine.

11/2/1938/8 James Freeman says mine still operating with crew---although 15 men have been laid off for winter.

2/15/1939/3 55 men working at Chichagoff development. under Jack Littlepage.
2/4/1929/2 Mrs De Groff dies in Calif. She was one of the three original owners of the Chichagoff Mine. The other two were W.R. Rust and Hugh C. Wallace of Tacoma. James Freeburn is Gen. Mgr. (Was)

8/10/1934 Miners go on strike at Chichagoff Mines and fly to Juneau. Miners want 6-day work week and raise of 85¢ per day and time and ½ for O.T.

8/11/1934/8 Mine strike settled---strikers loose all demands...

6/30/1939/8 T.A. Davis, new owner of Chichagoff Mines is here. Was in 1897 gold rush, etc.

CHILKAT RIVER

Indians, troubles
Boats, etc.

SEE CARDS ON 'INDIANS' FOR ADDITIONAL ON THIS SUBJECT.

D.A. Disp. 7/11/1901 Chilkat Indians burned the str. "Gardner" on the Chilkat River several weeks ago. The new str. of the same name is now built in Juneau and on her way up to the Chilkat. Accompanying her will be the str. "Flosh" with a group of soldiers who will protect the craft and her crew from the 'bad' Chilkats.


D.A. Disp. 6/14/1901 Capt. Gardner of the "Gardner" fears trouble with the Indians again---hostile.

J.C.M.R. 8/30/1888 V.G. The 'hootchinoo row' of the Chilkats. A 'bad Indian' threatens to eat Deputy Marshall William McLernon, etc.

J.C.M.R. 1/17/1889 The Indian who caused so much trouble last summer for Marshall McLernon, came to Juneau of his own accord and surrendered. He is a big, fine looking,
Indian and is said to be the 'John L.' of his tribe.

ALASKA NEWS: 8/29/1895 V.G. Concerns the warlike Chilkat and Chilkoot tribes. (Another article in the same issue of the paper carries more including the double murder during a drinking bout at Chilkat. The whiskey was furnished by two Swedes and two 'Indians bit the dust' along with the two Swedes—declared a draw, etc.)

D.A. Disp. 11/16/1904 pp. 4; Chilkat River is navigable. Capt. T.D. Lahay has made 25 trips from the mouth to the head of navigation with his river boat the "Chilkat" He is planning a larger boat—one capable of carrying ten tons of freight.

D.A. Disp. 8/17/1905 pp. 3; V.G. Life story of Jim Hansen, the bad Chilkat Indian murderer who died recently in the McNeil Id. prison.

Empire: 1/16/1919 pp. 2 A rifle propped in the door of a cabin, at Chilkoot cannery, killed an Indian. Perpetrator, Bryan McDavitt held for murder.

Empire: 6/10/1919 pp. 5; Trial of McDavitt held in Juneau.

Empire: 6/16/1919 pp. 8 McDavitt freed by jury...
CHILKAT RIVER

Indians, troubles, Haines town, etc.

Pict of cannery near Haines. pp. 6; A.S. April, 1955
See cards on Haines for more info.
8/4/1938 J.C. of C. asks that Chilkoot Barracks soldiers be move to Juneau area.
9/13/1939 What's This? Port Chilkoot soldiers may be moved to Anchorage.
10/1/1940 Simon B. Buckner here in Juneau. Says Port Chilkoot soldiers may be moved.
First white woman to cross—1894—etc. See page 24 in May, 1954 Alaska Sportsman.

D.A.Disp. 8/15/1900 Work has started on the Railroad across Chilkoot Pass.

D.A.Disp. 1/22/1902 says first white man across the Pass was Anton Marks in 1879. (More interesting history.)

Emp. 4/2/1920/2 The big slide occurred Apr. 3, 1898 and 65 lives were lost.

See Newspapers for Apr. 2, 1921 for more VG info.
See. (Bering and Chirikof)
V.G. pict. of the Arctic Circle Hot Springs resort bldg.
ALASKAN (Sitka) 4/25/’91: Canning clams was inaugurated at Hoquiam, Wn. this year. However, in 1885 the Metlakatla Indians, then in the old village in B.C. canned clams. These clams were sold in the market in the new village when they moved and were found to be quite palatable.
1/21/1932 Capt. O.H. Wood of the "Valkyrie" starts another clam cannery at Hoonah. M.B. Dahl already has his product on the market. He has a cannery at Hood Bay.
11/16/1906 the town was wiped out by a fire. Loss est. $400,000. --no insurance. Will not be rebuilt--all will move to Chatanika, terminal of railroad at mouth of Cleary Creek.
Admiralty coal output increases. The Adm. Coal Co. has bought the "Chlopeck" and will take out her engines and use her for a barge. Expect to begin taking out 100 tons daily very soon. "Woodrow", "Apex No 1." and "Pacific" each brought in 20 tons each.

Admiralty Coal Co. moves offices from the Valentine Bldg. to the old cold storage building on the City dock.

Admiralty Coal Co. may be sold to Stateside capitalists says Howard Leach.


Admiralty Coal Co. reveals plans. Roden says the Co. needs some cash.

Admiralty Coal Co. may sell out says John Reck. Have several 'feelers'.

Local men reorganize Adm. Coal mine, which is now called the S.E. Alaska Coal Co. (Cap. stock $150,00.)
all common stock with a par of $1.00 per share. Joe Burlovich, Frank Percichh and Frank Afric and Emmer Garnes. (Glen Leach and associates went broke about two yrs. ago.)

1/20/1932 New Company to mine Admiralty Coal. Work to begin immediately. Will be known as the Alaska Coal Co. and comprises some 2300 acres of the old Admiralty Coal Co. porperty. Geo. Kayat leads the organization. With him are Juneau men, John Reck, Tom George, Frank Garnick, Roy Nolan and Geo. Kaher.

1/26/1932 Lynch Bros. are diamond drilling at the Alaska Coal Co. in Kootznahoo Inlet.

11/15/1937 B.D. Stewart, Comm. of Mines, tells of gases and reasons for explosion in Evans-Jones Coal mine recently, which killed 14 miners.

3/28/1938/7 Jonesville (Evans-Jones Coal Co.) reopens after blast.

1/20/1957 Four bodies recovered from Evan-Jones Coal Co. mine (leased to independent operators) after blast yesterday which trapped 5 men. One not yet recovered.

10/17/1941 Bureau of Mines closes Jonesville Coal Co. down as mine is unsafe!
COAL AND COAL MINING

In Alaska....

D.A.Disp. 4/3/1918 pp.4 F.R. Shaver, Educator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and first man to mine coal in Alaska, also originator of the 'Hoonah plan' is in Juneau....

Emp. 2/29/1928 Several local people form a company to mine coal at the old Harkrader mine in Kootznahoo Inlet. Mr. Donaldson, Howard Lerch, John Reck, Wallis George and Judge Wickersham are on board of Directors. 132 acres. Some history of the claim is told too.

Emp. 4/16/1928/6 "Argo" Capt. Cedric Davis hit a rock in Kootznahoo Inlet and had to be beached near by for repairs. She is being used by the newly formed Admiralty Island Coal Co.. Owned by Dr. Howe Vance of Juneau.

Emp. 4/19/1928/8 Evan Jones of the Admiralty Coal Co. is in Juneau today.

Emp. 4/23/1928/8 To have Admiralty Island Coal on local market in about 30 days.
PATHFINDER Feb. 1921

John B. Marshall is prospecting a coal and oil claim (seepages noted) in hills lying between Chapin and Herring Bays. Excellent coal---vein 3' thick and exposed for 500'. Besides these claims, oil seepages and coal have been discovered at Young's Bay and in Auk Cove by John T. White and W.D. Brown, of Juneau---near the beaches.

5/26/1921 The Admiralty coal concern offers stock to public.


8/6/1921 "Apex No.1", Capt. Ed. McDougal brings in load of coal from Harkrader properties.

11/11/1921 Critical coal shortage at Anchorage due to closing of Jonesville mine by Bureau of Mines. Too fast rise in population for other mines to handle.
Geographic work in Alaska by the Coast Survey began in summer of 1867, prior to the purchase of Alaska, made in that year, and with more or less interruption it has continued to the present. The results are set forth in the reports, maps, charts, and other publications of that organization. So far as practicable, in making this dictionary names are accredited to the particular individual who applied them. It has not been possible to do so in all cases, however, and accordingly some of the names are simply recorded as having been applied or given by the Coast Survey.
6/1/1948  Col. River on rampage. Worst in history; Vanport gone.
See any Alaska paper from mid-Feb. 1956 on.

3/26/1956  Peter Wood replies to River's charges. (Wood asked for public hearing on expenses by the Statehood committee, etc.)

4/29/1956  (Indep.) Every city in Alaska gave a favorable vote to the constitution except Ketchikan and Wrangell. Juneau voted 1012 for and 734 against ratification. Wrangell voted 60 for, 218 against. Petersburg voted 377 for, 121 against. Ketchikan voted 675 for, 769 against.

Southeastern Alaska total vote:

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For Tennessee Plan 13,063
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For Fish traps 3,345
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**CONSTITUTION, ALASKA'S**
Tennessee Plan and Abolition of Fish Traps, etc.
Emp. Apr. 26, 1956

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CONVENTION DELEGATES
Alaska Constitutiona
1956

Pict. of Sundborg, Katherine Nordale, Mildred Herman, Warren Taylor, Steve McCutcheon, Ralph Rivers, Roland Armstrong.
Spiral No. 12. pp. 56.
1. V.G. Chart showing copper as the basic source of many other metals. NOTE BOOK 6, page 2.

2. VG pics. of the two largest Alaska copper nuggets—pp 37 in A/S Aug. 1958

Emp. 3/1/1921/3  A road is being built to John T. Towers copper mine on Kupreanof Id. Near (Wrangell)???
See INDIAN LEGEND OF THE COPPER RIVER PATHFINDER Feb. '21 V.G. article concerning changes in topography according to Indian legends that are substantiated by topographical discoveries made by the U.S. Geo. surv.
Emp. 11/6/1955/pp 5. Copper River & Northwestern R.R. was completed in 1911 at a cost of $23,000,000. It was abandoned in 1938.
12/16/1931 the 196 mile long Copper River and Northwestern Railroad will close down three months. Planes will carry the mail.

9/17/1936 Cordova (Copper River & N.W.RR) strike settled. Kennecott will remain open says Supt. E.T. Stannard.

4/26/1937/8 Copper River & N.W. Railroad on strike. Men refuse to work with non-union craftsmen.

8/30/1938 Copper River R.R. to be kept operating.

9/14/1938/2 C.R.RR asks to abandon 195 miles of road when Kennecott is worked out about Nov. 1st.

1/9/1939/2 Cordova people protest closing of the C.R.R.R.
CORDOVA
Alaskan town.

ALASKA NEWS: 8/29/1895 The Village of Eyack (Cordova)
The news article of the day says that 'Capt Ole Oleson,
Master of a small Prince William Sound steamer, was
forced by the irate citizens, mostly squaw-men, to marry
a clootch he was playing fast & loose with. V.G.


Emp. 1/30/1922/8 Gas-boat "Totem" of Cordova missing;
Left Katalla Dec. 24th and has not been seen since.
Has three men on board. (More 1/31/1922/6)
The boat is 50' long and is owned by the King Salmon
Fisheries Co. (Names of men listed in paper too)

Emp. 2/14/1922/8 No trace of "Totem". Hardy Trefsgar
says he saw it sink off Yakutat Jan. 7th.

Emp. 10/19/1925 Heavy gale hits Cordova. Moves Indian
school building six ft., blows grandstand away, etc.

Emp. 2/24/1927/2 Capt. Hamilton and two other men missing
on a small gas-boat enroute from Cordova to Hinchinbrook
Island.
Emp. 2/26/1927 Capt. Hamilton and the "Imp" etc. found safe in a small bight in Port Etches riding out storm.

Emp. 2/26/1927 $100,000. fire at Cordova most disastrous in town's history. Destroys Borden Bldg., Swanson's Dry Goods Store, Cordova Drug Co. etc. Had to use dynamite to stop the conflagration.

Emp. 12/28/1927/2 "Unalga" to Cordova to search for missing boat "Pioneer" The "Seal" and "Chugach" (Govt. craft) are already searching. She is two weeks overdue on a trip Cordova to Katalla.

Emp. 12/30/1927/6 "Pioneer" still missing; Two men on board---Capt. Wm. Taylor and Harry Hart, eng. If only 2 men were on her crew, insurance will be no good as it called for 3 crew....

Emp. 12/31/1927 "Pioneer" still lost. "Chugach" returns to port after extensive search, to Katalla and all intermediate points. The vessel had 6 pass. No sign and now 19 days overdue. Bad storms have prevailed.

10/11/1951/7 Big fire at Cordova destroys Raynor Bldg. Evans Bldg. Empress Theatre; Imperial Bldg. ACS office etc. Loss about $500,000.
10/3/1952/4 Cordova now owns public utilities, water, lights and telephone....
EMPIRE: 3/15/1920/8 Gas-boat "Magnhild" was wrecked on Coronation Island Mar. 5, 1920. The three men on her made shore safely and were later picked up and taken to Wrangell.
COTTON WOOD TREES

Made into fine furniture in Alaska (Mountain View) Picts. and story A/S June 1958 pp 12.
See PATHFINDER Feb. 1920 in Museum Library for a V.G. history of the courts—including the first one at Juneau.
1954 Bob Henning owned "Halawai"—operated summer of '54 in Yakutat area, with Larry Fitzpatrick of the halibut boat "Ruby" running the boat... Also with him were Dick Fitzgibbon, of Hoonah, Norman DeRoux, Juneau and Rex Early of Douglas, among others.

Emp. 5/25/1955 Ex. oil tanker "Penaco" enroute north to Controller Bay to freeze and can crab. Incorporated here (Juneau) as Sea-Fresh, Inc. of Seattle, with Chris Nelson of Nelson Crab & Oyster Co. of Tokeland Wn. as one of incorporators. Also Seattle fish broker G. Lee Risbell, and attorney F. Robert Lee. Crew of 30 Nelson operated pilot operation on brine-frozen Dungeness crab at Cordova last year...
2/25/1932  O.H. Wood of the "Valkyrie" plans to start a shrimp and crab plant here in Juneau very shortly.
2/2/1929/2  Shooting at Craig. Ole Larsen may die; M Qualo is being held.

3/19/1931  Big fire destroys nine buildings at Craig. A fortunate shift of the wind is all that saved the rest of the town.

1/23/1935  New Craig school house valued at $11,000. burns to the ground. Just completed last year by John Kline and Don Parson, Juneau contractors.

12/23/1939/7  Census report for Craig is 501 for this yr. as compared to 231 in 1930.
CRAIG
S.E. Alaska town.

D.A. Disp. 3/10/1915 pp. 4. says town of Craig was named for Craig Miller. See more on card for FISHING.

D.A. Disp. 10/20/1915 pp. 2 Craig has first big fire today.

Emp. 5/7/1927/8 Craig Miller died today. V.G.
CROSSING THE BAR

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Sunset and the evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning at the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and the evening bell
And after that, the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far;
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.....