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ICE
Frozen waters over the world.

1. Great Lakes frozen over. P. 23 to 26 S.&S. Apr. '52

2. A VG tale of the shipping of ice to S.F. markets in the early days---See ALASKA'S WACKIEST ENTERPRISE in A.S. for Jan. 1956 pp. 20. Mention is made of the old "Cyane" which took the ice below.
ICE POOL CLASSIC

6/7/1932/8 Capt. John M. Clark and others in Juneau win slice of Ice Pool---$2224. each.

4/30/1936 44 Union men win ice-pool, also John Covich

4/30/1936 5/1/1936 The 44 Union men get $727. each in split of the ice-pool.

4/23/1940 Clara Hanson of Juneau wins slice of Ice Pool.

5/9/1946/6 80 yr. old Mike Johnson in Sitka Pioneers Home wins $27,000. in Ice Pool!

5/14/1948/8 Mrs. E.L. Cecotti, Mrs Selma Fors and Tony M Marsh win big chunks of Nenana Ice Pool.
IDAHO INLET

Emp. 7/7/21/8 Wm. Singleton feared drowned.
Emp. 7/8/21/3 " " " " found O.K.
Aunt Sally Fox age 115, died today.
Wife of Jimmy Fox. Born in Taku Hbr. 1836

A/S pp 23; Jan. 1959 Pict. and article on old
Fanny Solomon of Fort Yukon.
   Large envelope No. 15

2. Trouble over totem-poles. See DAILY ALASKAN for Oct. 27th and Dec. 7, 1901 Also 12/17/1901

3. Gov. Brady, called down by Siwashes at Klukwan. See DAILY ALASKAN (Skagway) 9/15/1901

4. ALASKA TIMES (Sitka) 6/25/’69 V.G. article on ‘Fight between two squaws at Sitka.

5. See card on "Saginaw" and other old vessels out of Sitka in 1867 etc.

6. Indian Troubles at Cape Fox. ALASKAN (1/21/’93)

7. About Thlinget Totems--tribes named. ALASKAN 9/9/’93

8. Law against whites marrying squaws enforced and most
9. ALASKAN (Sitka) 3/9/‘89  V.G. Judge Keatley’s Advice to Indians.
10. ALASKAN (Sitka) 4/20/‘89 Various tribes custom of disposing of their dead. Page 2 V.G.
12. Natives of Alaska by Horace W. Briggs. ALASKAN (Sitka) 5/4/‘89
13. ALASKAN (Sitka) 10/12/‘89 ‘History of a Bone (A legend of Doctor’s Id. S.E Alaska)
14. ALASKAN (Sitka) 7/13/‘89 V.G. Hoonah Indian Troubles.
15. ALASKAN (Sitka) 8/24/‘89 tells of “Goos-tikah” Belief that when persons drowns he becomes a land otter and turns other people into land otters—they strive to always recover their drowned people.
16. ALASKAN (Sitka) 11/2/‘89 Wester Alaskan Natives—vices and immoralities
17. ALASKAN (Sitka) 5/17/‘90 V.G. Superstitions, religious beliefs, witches, medicine men, etc.
18. First use of sails by Indians of the N.W. Coast. V.G. See pp. 374 Vol.I; No. 4. AMERICAN MERCURY.
Card 2.

INDIANS

Alaskan.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 7/5/’90 V.G. 'Eskimo Love Song' (Girl hard to get!)

ALASKAN (Sitka) 12/27/’90 Native customs among Thlinkets.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 3/21/’91 History of Alaska Natives--Indian town at Sitka, etc.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 3/21/’91 Takou Indians come for trouble.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 4/11/’91 V.G. Indian troubles at Sitka.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 7/11/’91 Native kids made slaves of.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 12/29/’94 Eskimo Kids--females sometimes killed.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 12/29/’94 Physical condition of Sitka Inds.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 1/5/’95 Indian legend--Pr. of Wales Id.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 1/19/’95 Indians of Arctic descended from Brahma.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 5/18/’95 Aleuts. don't want pay in silver.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 8/8/’96 Legend of Mt. Edgecomb. page 3.

ALASKAN (Sitka) 2/27/’97 Why Indians bury deceased possessions with them when they die.
Pict. of Totems at Masset, B.C. A.S. Aug. 1953. pp. 29
Stikine River Journal 1/14/1899 says "Wrangell and Chilkat Indians end feud." Good article.
DYEA TRAIL 1/19/98 Chilkat Chiefs George and Eccles fight over 'George's witch'

DYEA TRAIL Aug. 1898 (Special Illustrated Edition) has good article on Indians. Briefed as follows:

Tongas Indians--Fort Simpson---600 ----Chief Ebbitts
Cape Fox Indians ---250 -----Chief Kastwan
Locate in Boca de Quadra near Sphun's cannery
Stikeens--Wrangell--800 -----Have rifles from a sch. they captured some years ago.
Sitkas----Sitka-1000 -----Have old Hudson Bay muskets
Kootznahoos---Below Pt. Retreat--700---When they warred on the Stikeens, their war chief was a woman called "Feather Legs"

HOONAHS -----Hoonah town.-----900-----Chief "Teakettle" of "Coalscuttle" Still hold slaves and feast on their old ones.

Auks-----Douglas Island--About 800---(37 hunt bear and mt. goats and 200 too 'cultus' to hunt anything! The tribe also raises two bushels of spuds a year!}
CHILKATS-- 1100 or so Are the same as Chilkoots 'same peas in a pod, except that they had a beef some years ago!' Their chief is old Chief "Shotrich" which means 'tough as boiler plate', "bullet proof", of somethin on that order.

DYEA TRAIL Good article on Origin of Totem Poles. (Aug. 98)

D.A. Disp. 5/23/1908 page 3 V.G. 'Chief Jake of Killisnoo is Dead.

D.A. Disp. pp 3; 6/8/1908 Chief Johnson (Taku Indian Chief) story.

D.A. Disp. pp 3; V.G. 'Skookum Jim gets His'n.'

D.A. Disp. 5/10/1911 'Sloppy' Alaska's homliest Indian, is back.


Steps etc. Prosecute him from posses.

Indians tell posses, Williams is 9. Tall and taken 15.

At Roberts Bay. With coronet charged. V.G. More on 5/16

D.A. Disp. 5/10/1909 Water Williams and Sam Shaugam murder
D.A.Disp. 8/11/1911 V.G. Page 1. Story of cremation, etc.
taken from old Juneau paper of Nov. 2, 1893

D.A.Disp. 12/4/1911 pp 4; Indian Girl Prefers Native Boy
to Japanese--V.G. (Susie, Willie Peters and Nakane)

D.A.Disp. 1/2/1912 Juneau and Douglas Indians on Warpath--
V.G. argument started over D. Indians not inviting J. Ind
to public War dances.

D.A.Disp. 1/5/1912 page 5 Indian Dance Huge Success--
Audience laughs--bad manners etc. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 1/19/1912 Indian Woman from Killisnoo, was brot'
to town by Indian policeman Sam Johnson of " " and lodged
in Juneau jail. She title 'White Hope' Named Mrs. Carl
Rickard, and has asserted she can 'put to flight' any
Indian gal in the Territory and has issued challenge to
that effect. Arrested for trying it at Killisnoo.

D.A.Disp. 2/1/1912 page 4; Old Chief "Sunnyheart" of the
Hydahs at Kassan, dies; was good friend of Whites, etc.

D.A.Disp. 8/19/1913 pp-3: Article about 'Gambier Bay Jim'
the bad Indian, who claims he conjured up the wreck of the
"State of Calif"
AMR. 7/19/1901 says 'False alarm about Chilkat being on war-path.

D.A.Disp. 4/28/1914 pp.6. Taku Harbor Indians on war-path, claim white men are trespassing and ruining their ground.

D.A.Disp. 8/14/1915 pp.5; Meaning of Indian names in Alaska. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 9/21/1915 pp 6. 'Indian Legend of Light' as told to Judge Fred M. Brown. V.G.

See card on DEER for Kootznahoo hound shooting episode by H. Tanner. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 10/26/1915 pp.7; V.G. Native customs etc. in early days of Douglas are described by Mrs. Gustav Roene. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 1/20/1916 pp.2; Indian way of keeping time: (Sleep 24 hrs. --- and a 'moon' is a month) They use the position of the sun in the sky for quarters of the day.

D.A.Disp. 1/20/1916 pp.2 ' Says Indian kids are smarter than white kids...
A Haines Indian wanted a divorce from his ancient squaw so he could marry a younger one. Ripinsky told him that the Big Judge at Sitka had to do it to make it legal. After some thought the Native concluded, "You 'little judge', you make me divorce for one year, by that time maybe old squaw die then I have young squaw all the time!"

Triple murder on King Id. One Shuk Kah is in the Juneau jail.

The Totem Pole of the Tongass Indians was stolen.

British Columbia Indians practice cannibalism.

V.G. Potlatch at Hoonah.


Sitka Indians tell of a curious 12' tall Indian God who lives on an Island of Sitka. They go there to worship when they have sinned. No one else lives on the Island.
D.A.Disp. 11/6/1900 pp.4; Gov. Brady wants to give Indians equal rights!

D.A.Disp. 11/8/1900 pp.2 Klukwan Potlatch. V.G. More on 11/19/1900 and 11/10/1900 pp...

D.A.Disp. 12/21/1900 pp.4 Geo Shortridge and Hitchcock, two Chilkat braves, vie for place of Chief Kodawat of the Chilkats who died some time back. Hot contest.

D.A.Disp. 6/27/1901 Alaska towns to school Indians inside city limits.

D.A.Disp. 7/11/1901 pp; Chilkat Indians burned the Str. "Gardner" several weeks ago on the Chilkat and the new vessel of that name is now built and leaving to assume the run on the river. Accompanying her up from Juneau will be the str. "Flosie" with a bunch of U.S.soldiers who will protect the boat and crew from the bad Indians.


J.C.M.R. 7/21/1892 V.G. Indian troubles at Chilkat.
J.C.M.R. 8/27/1891 pp.2; V.G. 'Indian Papers' Prospectors, etc. are mad at Gov. Lyman E. Knapp (Vermont) of Alaska who gives titles to public domain to Indians.


ALASKA JOURNAL: 4/1/1893 pp.3 V.G. account of how the Stick Indians live...

D.A.Disp. 11/30/1901 Killisnook and Douglas Indians go on a grand drunk---one siwash $$ missing.

D.A.Disp. 1/17/1902 Father Rene' (Catholic) has ascertained that Navajos of Arizona and the Tinnehs of Alaska are of the same original tribe. Tinneh, in Navajo language means 'man' and it is also known by the tribe that many years ago they lived in a 'cold country!'

D.A.Disp. 2/11/1902 An 11 yr. old Chilkat Indian boy is tortured at Klukwan by the Chilkats for being a witch! Put up to it by the 'bad' red-headed indian doctor, one 'Scando'. The lad was rescued by Missionary Selon.

D.A.Disp. 2/13/1902 Indians of the Steward River area are rushing in fear to the white mens camps. They claim there is a strange, huge, pre-historic beast, large as a mammoth, which frightened them.
D.A.Disp. 6/18/1903 p.2 V.G. All about Indian potlatch (which means 'free gift') etc...
D.A.Disp. 7/13/1903 Chilkat Indians expose A.P.Assn. illegal fishing.
D.A.Disp. 2/10/1903 Sitka Indians at peace; new frog totem has been erected. V.G.
D.A.Disp. 2/11/1903 pp.4 Condition of S.E.Alaska Indians reported. V.G. Article...
D.A.Disp. 11/25/1904 pp. 3; Indians hold last potlatch at Sitka. The practice is to be abandoned.....
D.A.Disp. 4/10/1905 Trouble feared with Indians on the Little Delta River. White men have been jumping the grounds the Indians have lived on for many years.
D.A.Disp. 5/11/1905 pp. 2; Sitka Indians are mad because Gov. Brady has invited Metlakatla Indians to hunt in this district...
D.A.Disp. 9/30/1917 pp.6; Canneries pay off Indians with one dollar bills! Sure makes them feel rich----etc....
The first 8th grade graduation of Alaska Native kids, took place at Metlakatla on Apr. 27, 1918. The graduates were Marietta Marsden and Bertha Smith.

Empire: 12/4/1918 pp.6/ Sitka and Wrangell natives have big peace meeting. V.G. article---tells the story of their feud, etc...

Empire: 12/31/1918 pp.2 Jake Yakwan (Yarkon???) Chief of the Kluk-wan-tons, dies at Juneau, V.G. stuff. Empire: V.G. the funeral of Jak Yakwan. Article tells of his life and his feud with the Wrangell Indians, etc.

Empire: 1/21/1919 pp.4; Corrected names of the Indians who made the peace pact between the Sitka and Wrangell braviqs.

Empire: 1/30/1919 pp.6 Natives of Hydaburg publish a newspaper called the NEW NATIVE.... First in Alaska.

Empire: 3/29/1919 pp.5; S.E.Alaska Indians have the biggest event ever held by them---at Klawock.

Empire: 5/30/1919 pp.3; Telegraph Indians still practice witchcraft. V.G.

See MAKUTAT, and other town names for more Indian info.

Empire: 7/11/1919 pp. 6; Only 2 members of Tonsina tribe left--flu epidemic killed all the rest...
Empire: 7/15/1919/8 V.G. account of the superstitions of Alaska natives. All about Shamans, etc...
Empire: 10/31/1919 pp.2 V.G. --Habits and customs of the Kuskokwim natives.
Empire: 11/11/1920/8 See card on GAMBIER BAY for cremation of mother of 'Gambier Bay Jim' by herself. V.G.
Emp. 6/2/1921/8 Sitka natives take over 100 fur seals at Biorka Island---are allowed to by the Government.
Emp. 11/11/1927/7 Dr. Louis Shortridge of U. of Penna. 5 yrs. with the Alaska natives and claims they came from Puget Sd. not Siberia. Says the Chilkats and Navajos are definitely related as many words in both languages are very similar....
10/21/1918/4 Chief Ana Kla Hash dies. VG.
INDIANS

Liquor is suicide for them. (Juneau No. 1-A; pp. 1.)
10/30/1937 Monument for grave of old Auk Chief 'Kow-wah-nee' who died in 1901 has been erected by F.S. on Glacier Highway just outside City Limits.

6/5/1940 Descendent of Chief Shakes of Wrangell, one Kudanake, is made ruler of all the Thlinget tribes in S.E. Alaska by ceremony at Potlatch in Wrangell.
12/3/1929  Indians plan suits against U.S. Gov't. for use (aboriginal rights) of land, streams, etc.  A.N.B. employ Judge Wickersham to fight the case.

2/22/1930  Indians lose suits in Wash. D.C. (aboriginal rights)

SEE CARD, THIS FILE HEADED 'ABORIGINAL RIGHTS' for more.

4/3/1935  Indian rights claims have long history.  VG

Dates back to 1867

See card on WM. L. PAUL in 3 x 5 file.  For info on the Wheeler-Howard Act.

5/5/1942  VG  New fishtrap regulations by H.L. Hickes gives Indians the right to file on every trap site of whites!


6/5/1943  Tee Hit Tons file $700,000. suit against PAF over Pt. Colpoys trap.

9/16/1944  Hearings on Indian claims, etc. start at Hydaberg.

7/7/1947  VG. Normand Walker's letter to Bartlett on not protesting Indian claims when Hope, Johnson, Grant and Peratovitch went to Wash. D.C. on Pulp timber claims, VG.
7/7/1947  Pulp chances remote as Alaska Indians oppose and opposition is successful.

10/1/1947  Alaska Indians file suit against whites---don't want their lands exploited.

11/12/1947  Kake and Kasaan Indians said to have sold out timber to N.Y. Corp. for 20-million bucks! (Is claim)

11/19/1947  Indian lawyers send warning letter to Pulp Co.

3/2/1948  Indian Claims extinguished under Treaty of Purchase-----

3/3/1948  Tribal claims dropped. Indian Attorneys withdraw suits.
1. Hearings in Anchorage Oct. '54 (Juneau 1-A; pp. 27)
2. Wm. Pauls letter (Juneau 1-A; pp. 32)
3. Tee-Hit-Tons lose battle " " " "
4. Indians lose pulp suit. " " " "
5. Cy Peck and Wm. Paul lay claim to all of Juneau Area for Indians. (Juneau 9; pp. 23)

7/20/1948 Sec Wm. E. Warne urges settlement of Indian claims before any more development.
6/13/1949 Indian land case settlement proposed.
12/1/1949 Sec. Krug offers 100,000 acres to S. E. Natives to settle land claims.
8/2/1951/8 Myer of Indian Affairs Office of Wash. D.C. tells J C of C Indian claims must be settled.
8/4/1951 Sukwan trap hearing in Anchorage today.
8/15/1951 Matanuska savages demand payment for Valley! Almost missed the deadline to claims.
8/20/1951  Alaska Indians lay 8 claims for payment before Indian Comm. in Wash. D.C.
11/9/1951  Many objections as House sub-committee hears witnesses on land claims.
1/25/1952  Tee Hit Tons file petition claiming S.E. Alaska lands.
11/1/1930/3  Paul J. Mather, Alaska Indian, will be ordained an Episcopal priest in Ketchikan tomorrow. He will be the first Alaska native ever accorded this distinction. Born at Metlakatla 52 years ago.
INDIAN PETROGLYPHS
Pictographs, etc.
Pict. of one near Taku Hbr. PP. 27; Sept. '54 A.S.

10/23/1948 Conference in S.F. proposes ban on Indian reservations.
INSURANCE

Marine decisions.

See Book 35; Pages 35-36-37-38-40-58-60
INTERESTING ANECDOTES
For school reports etc.

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D.A.Disp. 8/3/1899 Brownsville, Pa. July, 29, 1899. Mrs Geo. Hacket, colored, age 22, gave birth to 7 babies today! Four boys and three girls. Though small, all were well formed, and lusty lungs---3 lived until noon, then succumbed to the unbearable heat of the poorly ventilated room in which they lay with their mother. Later in the day, three more died. One, a boy remains, and Drs. say he has a good chance to live. The father is a 25 yr. old laborer. The mother has two older children, healthy.

THE SMELLING POWER OF SHIPS---their inclination to sheer away from river banks! V.G. pp.49 Winter, '55 S.&S.
See cards on various Departments under them and also on Ickes, etc.

2/27/1946  Krug is new Sec. of Interior (J.A. Krug.)

10/11/1949  Chapman to succeed Krug as Sec. of Interior
ISLANDS, (ABOVE ALEUTIAN CHAIN)

Pribiloffs (St. Geo. and St. Lawrence Island
Wrangell Island
Big Diomedes
Little Diomedes.
12/28/1932/6 A lumber town has been found on the shores of St. Lawrence Island by Otto W. Geist.
Article from 'Kettle'  Book 36;  Page 79