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D.A. Disp. 4/12/1917 pp. 6; P.A.F. Co. launches new str. "Firwood" today at Bellingham ... She is a sister to the "Redwood which was launched last Jan. Both are 235' Empire: 2/10/1919 Tender (P.A.F.) "Uwanta" wrecked in Bellingham Bay yesterday. Lives lost!

Emp. 10/26/1926/6 P.A.F. bought 7700 ton "Pansa" from U.S. Shp. Bd. to add to their Alaska fleet of four steamers. 5/15/1928/ P.A.F. Corp. is taken over by Deming and is now reputed to be the largest packing outfit in world.
5/10/1933/6 P.A.F. will operate six plants this season—at: Nushagak, Ikatan, Squaw Harbor, Naknek, Petersburg and Alitak.
VG story of the town by Bob DeArmond A/S June '58 pp 35.
6/1/1948 Palmer hit by big fire in main business district
Loss est. above $175,000.
8/7/1950 VG. Marcus Jensen of Douglas demands grand jury investigation of Palmer Airport transaction. Avers that $150,000. paid by Territory for 127.94 acres with a kick back of $145,000. to procure Federal matching funds. This would be $1172. per acre—last year the land was valued at 43.00 per acre. Funds were to be procured under the Federal Airport Aid Act.
8/11/1950/6 VG Mark Jensen's Letter to Editor on the Palmer airport deal.
8/16/1950 U.S.Senate may investigate Palmer Deal. Sen.
Butler charges Stan McCutcheon benefits from land purchase.
8/17/1950 Tony Schwamm says C.A.A approved Palmer deal.
8/21/1950 Schwamm Says money for Palmer and Juneau airports is available.
8/22/1950 VG Mark Jensen letter points out Schwamm hint Juneau will lose out because of Palmer expose!

1/11/1951 Palmer deal to be investigated.
1/18/1951 More VG stuff on this deal. Testimony
1/20/1951 McCutcheon quizzed on Palmer deal. Tries to tie the Palmer deal to the Statehood question.

5/25/1951 "No Comment" says Government on Palmer deal.
6/13/1951/8 No statement on Palmer deal until after new board meets says Tony Schwamm.
8/7/1952 Dept. of Commerce says no collusion in Palmer airport case.

See interesting side-light---card on McCUTCHEON, STANLEY
12/31/1952 Palmer airport funds again refused by U.S. Comptroller General---"because of conduct of Alaskan and C.A.A. officials was questionable."
2/17/1953 McCutcheon, Stan. sues Mark Jensen for $175,000.
Emp. 7/31/1923/8  Tug "Forrest T. Crosby" of Wash. T.&.B. was in Pavlof Hbr. and one of her crewmen was drowned while fishing in the Lake.


See Juneau Notebook for story of Charlie Raatakainen leaving Alaska for good.----tells how he started Pelican.


Some history of the town in Note Book No. 10, pp. 51.

7/2/1952 August Schroder, 35, killed at Pelican; crushed between two 500# cakes of ice in ice house.
Pelican City

2/ M.D. 2/18/1956/pp 31--- Pelican Packing Co. of Seattle recently purchased the Icy Straits Salmon Co. and the Hoonah Pkg. Co. from Mrs Jeanice Welsh of Bellingham. The Welsh interests retain their Yakutat, cannery and have leased them to the Bellingham Canning Co. for this season. The Icy Straits and Hoonah properties were acquired by the late R.A. Welsh and others in 1934 and the family bought complete control in 1946.
1/28/1929/8  Rev. A.P. Kashevaroff says Chirikoff Island never was a Russian penal colony...
PETERSBURG
Alaska town.

Pict. and story of the towns 3 generations of fishermen; boats; "Lenor", "Carmella J", and "Harmony"

D.A.Disp. 8/10/1909 Petersburg petitions for mail service from Juneau. Ask that Kake mail run be extended.

D.A.Disp. 10/9/1913 Anna Belle, the automobile of Hogue, (of Hogue & Tweten) commits suicide. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 11/23/1916 pp.6 Petersburg now has a shrimp cannery. Chin Keay and Louis Keay reorganize the Gardner Shrimp Co. in Thomas Bay. They have a whse. on the Citizens Wharf in Petersburg and are operators of the boats "Ocsoo", Capt. Thomas, and the "Star". They will be used for shrimping. Chin Keay is with the Quong Tuck Co. of Seattle and the Dayhof cannery at Scow Bay.

D.A.Disp. 5/9/1903 Peter T. Buschmann, who founded the town of Petersburg, blew out his brains in the brush near his Tacoma, Wash. home, yesterday.

EMPIRE: 3/19/1920/6/ Transfer of the store of Petersburg Pkg. Co. to the Trading Union, has been completed.
Emp. 5/5/1921/6 Petersburg---Scow Bay road to be finished for auto traffic this summer.

Emp. 9/19/1921 Murder at Petersburg---Geo. Nelson, the barber shot Nels Peterson, watchman at the Petersburg Pkg. Co. cannery. Shooting was over Peterson's wife.


Emp. 9/24/1921 Geo. Nelson tried to commit suicide in Juneau jail.

Emp. 4/20/1923 Petersburg now has telephones---Wrangell may be next...

Emp. 10/7/1924 Petersburg people subscribe $47,000. for cold storage plant.

Emp. 8/4/1925 Petersburg man, Tome Risce, drowned his wife, then suicided from their boat "Trygve" and left his two small children on the boat which finally ran ashore near Mt. Pt. in Wrangell Narrows.

E.D.N. 5/31/1955 Pop. of Petertown now 1515......pp.5.

Emp. 9/21/55 Octar Arness' Petersburg Lumber Co.'s mill burned to ground yesterday morning. Located about 2 miles from town, inside of Blunt Point.
KDN. 6/27/56 Petersburg council clamps down on delinquent sales tax collections. Councilman Knute Thompson argued this was a 'bad' year for the town but Mayor Ernie Haugen declared city has been too lenient long enough as some haven't turned in sales tax collections for over 6 months. Unfair to those who do.

12/14/1939 Petersburg population by latest official census is 1288. (It was 1252 in 1929 ---last official"

1/14/1957 Flash fire does $2000. damage to Winnie's Cafe at 15:30 Fri. P.M. 11th.

10/5/1943 Earl Ohmer's Alaska Glacier Seafood Co. is a total loss today from a fire at 09:00 yesterday. Loss estimated at $100,000.

3/12/1951 Mrs Dora Armstrong, dies in fire at Petersburg; Four miles out of town.

4/18/1951 Big fire at Petersburg. Ted Reynolds Hbr. bar etc.

12/20/1951 Fire destroys Jim Brennan's Bar today.
PETERSBURG FIRES

See card on SAWMILL FIRES.

Emp. 11/3/1922/8 The Knudsen Bros Sawmill boiler exp. and wrecked the plant at the mouth of Petersburg Creek at 10 mins. past quitting time yesterday. No one was injured.
PETERSBURG WEATHER
Jan. 8, 1960

WHAT---NO RECORD????????

Rainfall in Petersburg was above average in 1959 but not a record, according to Mrs F.E. Bennett of local U.S. weather bureau.

In looking over records, Mrs Bennett found the record year in recent history was 1939 when 127.31 inches was recorded. 1930 had 119.52; 1938 had 119.02" and for this year of 1959 there was only a piddling little 117.36"--but had the year been two days longer--------

Ave. for Petersburg is 105"----a good 70 inches below the average of that All-American city (Ketchikan) to the South of us.

Also, Petersburg is experiencing warm weather for this time of the winter. Lowest temp. recorded each night are about the highs for a normal year. New Years Day dropped to 22° as did Sunday following but Tuesday Jan. 5th the mercury rose to a scorching 44° above.

In past week 6" of snow and 2.11" of precipitation has been recorded...
8/18/1933/6 Pilchard runs off B.C. Coast are disappearing.
Emp. 10/2/1922/8 Jury absolves H.V. McGee, in shooting to death of Chas Spurgeon in Pillar Bay recently.
PILOTS Of Puget Sound.

1. Picts. of all P. Sd. Pilots in 1945
Also see page 9 in Nov. 1954 P.W.B. Picts. of Capt. C.E. Hillyer, Capt. S.K. Gilje and Capt. B.C. Eide. who all retired this year...
VG list of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers and dates they came to the Territory first.
PIONEERS HOME

J. Indep. 2/3/'55/7  List of names of old timers from the various S.E. Alaska towns, etc.  173 men and 4 women

6/14/1939/2  185 old men now at the Home.
PIONEERS HOME
At Sitka, etc.

Emp. 11/5/1928/3 Pioneers Xmas fund started by W.D. Cross last year, gets into full swing again this year.

11/8/1928/8 Gus Heidrich, old pioneer is missing from the Home. Took prospecting tools Oct. 31st and headed for the hills. Has not been seen since. Supt. Ted. Ketteson says 30 people are in the search.

4/6/1933 New Pioneer's Home at Sitka to be started immediately.

5/20/1933/5 Petersburg backs Sitka for Pioneer's Home site.
5/31/1933 Hyder backs Sitka for Pioneer's Home site.
6/3/1933/8 Hyder, Craig, Petersburg, and Ketchikan all support Sitka for the site of the Pioneer's Home.

8/9/1933 Board Selects Sitka as Site of Pioneer's Home. Sitka 70; Anchorage 16; Wrangell 6; Skagway 2; Douglas 3 and Craig 1—endorsements.

2/20/1934/8 Razing of the old Sitka Pioneer's Home begins.
today. Was formerly the old Marine Barracks. The old fellows are quartered 20' at Goddard, 27' in hospital and the rest in the Moose Hall.

5/10/1934/3 Excavation work on New Pioneer's Home is about completed.

7/31/1934 Cornerstone of Pioneer's Home laid Aug. 2nd.

1/8/1935 Pioneers move into new Home at Sitka.

2/13/1941/2 Pioneers Home Annex is favored—plan to abandon Goddard. Cost per pioneer is 25¢ at the Home and 52¢ at Goddard.

2/17/1941/2 Senator Don Carlos Brownell introduced a bill to move the Pioneers Home (in Alaska Legislature) because of possibility of it being bombed. . .

2/16/1945/3 Advise removal of Eiller Hansen as head of Home because of ill-health.

2/23/1945/7 Eiller Hansen letter to Legislature on Pioneers Home (Report.)

8/6/1946 Eiller Hansen, Supt. dies at Home today.

8/10/1946/2 W.W. Knight is new Supt. of Home.
PIONEERS HOME

At Sitka. and
About Inmates, etc.

D.A. Disp. 11/13/1917 pp. 7 Pioneer's Home at Sitka was
the U.S. Marine Barracks until the Pioneer's Home was
established July 4, 1913.

10/8/1940/5 Philip Hoffman, 75, is missing on a prospect-
ing trip up the Indian River Valley at Sitka. Left the
Pioneers Home on Aug. 20th and is listed as dead.

11/22/1940/2 Body of old prospector, Phil Hoffman, found
in hills, 6 miles up Indian River on Nov. 14th.

3/23/1941/2 (First Sect.) PROGRESS EDITION History of the
Pioneer's Home First started in 1913 and new building
finished in 1934, etc.

1/31/1957--First wedding ever performed in the Home----
Mrs. Alexandra Smith, 74, and Knut Johanson, 76, married
this afternoon by the Rev. Henry H. Chapman, Episcopal
pastor---born at Anvik, performed single ring ceremony.
They first met in Chandelar dist. in 1920's then again in
1954 in Juneau, then again last fall when both went to the
Home. Bride came to Alaska in 1904 and groom in 1914.
See nice little story in AS Jan. 1958 pp 24 on the first old couple to be married in the Home.

10/17/1949/6 To unveil Prospector statue at Sitka tomorrow Scuoptor was Victor Alonzo Lewis, father of Mrs. Zalmain D. Gross.
PITCAIRN'S ISLAND


AMERICAN MERCURY.
2/13/1916 P.O. Dept. announced that air mail service would be started in Alaska in Oct. The twice-weekly route covered will be between Seward and Nome, thence to Fairbanks and return to Valdez.
J. Indep. 6/10/54 Alaska Plywood Corp. to open Monday—closed due to 'shortage of logs and inability of management and labor to agree on wages---Ave. pay will be $2.85 per hr. instead of the $3.10 asked by the union.

7/22/1946/2 Gene Hawkins and two Oregon men plan a saw-mill and plywood mill at either Petersburg or Ketchikan.
POINT BARROW Alaska village

Polar Bears

Good pict. A/S Nov. 1958 pp 22 (Also very good story on monster bears seen thru the years in Pt. Barrow area, etc. pp 1 in Nov. '58 A/S
POPULATION

Alaska towns.

Census of 1890:  
- Juneau--1253
- Douglas 402
- Sitka--1190
- Wrangell 716

Juneau; 1891 1567 people  
Sitka; 1190 people.

Karluk: 1123  
These are the only three places in Alaska with over 1000 population. The breakdown on Juneau is 671 whites; 851 Indians, 43 mixed, 1 nigger, and 1 Chin. "
Alaska towns
At various times.

D.ID.NEWS: 3/20/1901
Census: Nome 5486; Skagway 3117; Juneau 1108; Were three largest towns in the Territory
Empire: 6/28/1920/8 V.G. list of all S.E. Alaska towns and 1920 population figures for each.
Porcupine District

Emp. 11/12/1926/ Big hydraulic operations will commence in Porcupine district near Haines, soon.
Port Alexander was eliminated from the Tongass National Forrest on Mar. 22, by order of Pres. Coolidge. A townsite survey will soon be made.

9/12/1929/7 School district established at Port Alexander and a one teacher school will open next Mon. 16th. Mrs. Ada S. Reed will teach the 16 kids.

1/22/1931/8 Two bids received by Major Malcolm Elliot for Port Alexander harbor improvement job. (Blast rocks)

2/3/1931/8 Keeney and Semple win the contract to dredge and blast rocks in entrance to Port Alexander.
Emp. 8/23/1928/6 Believe Port Althorp with 4-line cannery and operated by Aug. Buschman, has the record pack for salmon canneries in S.E. Alaska. Has over 200,000 cases.
A new one line cannery, the Alaska Union Fisheries, Inc. will be built at Port Conclusion immediately. Will run the cannery tenders "Magnolia" and "Taku Jack"
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1. Houses burned down. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 14.)
2. Pict. of Gulkana P.O. which closed in Oct. 1954
   A.S. July 1956 pp. 17
Emp. 2/16/1922/2 Oldest post office in the world believed to be the one in St. Augustine, Fla.

Post Office now 179 years old. pp. 6. Book 44.
1. Page 1. Juneau Independent Nov. 11, 1954 mentions all proposed sites and possible sites in S.E. Alaska and the Pr. Wm. Sd. area, etc... Fair article.

Emp. 3/19/1928/2 Jim Cameron and Wendell Dawson continue power investigations in the Snettisham and Taku Inlet areas for the Cameron-Zellerbach Co.
PREDICTIONS (THAT NEVER CAME TRUE)
About Alaska.

Mastodon bone found in excavation of E.R. Jaeger building on E. side of Front St.
PRIBILOFF Ids.  
Bering sea.

V.G. History of Islands ALASKAN (Sitka) 5/12/’94
PRIBILOF ISLANDS

For good pict. of seal heard and story see the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC for Apr. 1952

6/2/1944 Over 400 Aleuts safe back on Pribilofs says Ickes
D.A. Disp. 2/7/1911 A Talk About Bacon: V.G. Bacon retailing for 40¢ per lb. and hogs are purchased for from 6¢ to 8¢ per lb.

D.A. Disp. 1/18/1912 V.G. Price comparison between Juneau and Fairbanks at this time.

D.A. Disp. 12/21/1912 Paying $10 1/2¢ for halibut today V.G.

D.A. Disp. Mar. 1913 Lg. sch. "Independent" got 11.5¢ per lb. for 32,000 lbs on the Seattle market today.

D.A. Disp. 3/18/1913 Halibut selling today for 3 1/2¢ lb.

D.A. Disp. 10/17/1915 pp.2 Andy Lovik of Circle, Alaska paid $80.00 for an 8# watermelon—just wanted one!

D.A. Disp. 8/12/1899 Prices at Atlin High. Eggs $1.40 per case; spuds $1.30 per 100# sack; etc.

D.A. Disp. 5/4/1903 Sch. "Norman Sunde" sold 25,000 lbs. of halibut in Seattle today for two-fifths of a cent a lb! The price has been averaging from 4 to 5¢ per lb.

D.A. Disp. 12/7/1917 pp.2; Fish market prices—fresh to Juneau housewives, 20¢ per lb. for salmon and 15¢ for halibut. V.G.

D.A.Disp. 1/2/1918 pp.5; Boat "Pheasant" seized; had two bbls. whiskey, 7 cases beer on board. Capt. John Haho, owner of the boat and Seth Orava of the Mascot Bar in Douglas have been arrested. More D.A.D. 1/3/1918 pp.5.
PROPELLERS

Explaination of principle etc. of new type propeller.
Book 36; Page 51

KameWa propellers; controllable pitch. MOTORSHIP Dec. '52
Pages 26 and 27

Largest prop. cast in New York, for cargo ship. (1953)
Page 39; Book 41;

New Western designed 'sinusoidal vertical axis' props.
in operation on "LTI-2194" Picts. and info. See
P.W.B. Feb. 1954 pp.17

New 'Hydrojet' propulsion for small Oregon tug. Picts.
and story pp. 12; P.W.B. Feb. 1954

Vertical axis propellers---LT-2194 Picts. and info. pp 41
Ships & the Sea; summer issue 1954
PROPHESY

1. See FAIRBANKS WEEKLY TIMES 7/14/1906 page 4 for 'Mother Shipton's Prophesy' Predicts end of World in 1991
Ever since the purchase of Alaska, in 1867, prospectors and miners have visited it and gone from time to time here and there. Within the last ten years there have been several gold excitement, and these men have gone to Alaska in great numbers. They named many features, though rarely in print. Subsequently government explorers and surveyors have obtained these names from prospector's stakes or by word of mouth and have published same. In this dictionary such names are, as far as practicable or known, accredited to the prospectors and miners.
7/23/1934 John Dillinger, Public Enemy No. 1. shot and killed in Chicago.
Ketchikan utilities firm making good, says Walter Stuart. City took over in 1935.

Sitka may follow Ketch. example and take over public utilities.

Sitka votes 105 to 23 for Public Utilities.

E. Parson proposes City buy utilities.

City to investigate purchase of utilities.

(Mayor H. I. Lucas)
1. Largest ships to dock on the Sound; Book 35; P. 49
2. V.G. pict. of seiner in rough sea off Alki Pt. pp. 27 in June 1955 P.W.B.
Emp. 8/7/1928/ Blast rocks Tacoma... The powder boat "La Bleca" blew up and Capt. Nels Christensen & Son had to swim ashore. Had 12 tons of blasting powder on board. Fire broke out and the two men fought it until it was out of control, then jumped overboard and swam ashore before the boat exploded.
A. J. Mine, which shut down in 1944 called stockholders meeting for Apr. 13

Letter to stockholders from Pres. C. A. Norris said production of wood pulp is under consideration and added there are other possibilities.

Norris says no commitment has been made and can't be unless stockholders vote to amend charter to broaden field. It's articles of incorporation now restrict it principally to mining.

Company reports net losses in last 5 yrs since closed down of $280,000 annually although it has paid out more than 14-million in dividends in its 60 years of existence.

A. J. Mine to broaden activities. Emp. 4/14/54 Stockholders unanimously authorized directors to broaden Co. field of activities. Practically no limit to business activities in which it can engage. One endeavor under consideration is production of wood pulp near Juneau.

More info. after firms annual meeting May 2g, 1954.
J. Indep. 7/15/1954  K. Pulp made batch of souvenirs. Begun May, 1952 and put in operation same month. Sample of first pulp bought into Indep office, and printed on it was.

"This is a sample of 1st pulp made in Alaska Jan. 24, 1921, and is from the Alaska Pulp & Paper Co. at Speel River, near Juneau. Sent you with the compliments of the Big, New Hotel—the Gastineau, Glen C. Bartlett, Mgr. June Alaska. 100 rooms—40 with private bath. rates $1.50 and up"


Emp. 6/23/1954  Ketch. Pulp Mill Recalls Territory's First at Speel River. VG.

D.A. Disp. 4/2/1913 pp-1: First Pulp mill talk I found.
D.A. Disp. 10/17/1913 A pulp mill is planned for Shrimp Bay by Texas capital. Forest Service supervisor Weigle is making a survey with F.S. Ranger, Barto. A John Orchard and son Sam are the parties interested.
D.A. Disp. 3/3/1915 pp. 3; Capt Otto Sverdrup, head of a Russian Relief Expedition, is in Juneau. He plans to return to Juneau after he has completed this Expedition, and will look for a pulp mill site.
D.A. Disp. 8/26/1915 pp. 3. Chief Forester, Graves to work out practical plan to run pulp mills in Alaska. The one proposed for Sitka had to be abandoned as the Forest Service would give no assurance of the timber supply.
D.A. Disp. 11/24/1915 pp. 7 Pulp mills to come to Alaska says Henry S. Graves, Chief U.S. Forester.
D.A. Disp. 12/2/1916 pp.3 J.R. Heckman is working for a pulp mill in S.E. Alaska.
D.A. Disp. 2/20/1917 pp.3; V.G. Editorial: 'Why Not Establish Pulp Mills in Alaska?"

D.A.Disp. 3/21/1917 pp.8; Senator R.J.Heckman of Ketchikan wants pulp mill. Introduced memorial to Alaska Senate for the Sec. of Agriculture.

D.A.Disp. 9/13/1917 Pulp mills on Gast. Channel, probability,...also at Warm Springs Bay and at Speel River.

Empire: 7/17/1919/2/ Pulp Mills will come to Alaska if law permits. If present water power bills pass Congress industry in Alaska will boom.

Empire: 1/7/1920 pp.7; Claude Erickson says Alaska can supply world with pulp.

Empire: 1/27/1920 Pulp mill near Juneau is certain says John Rustgard. Water act passes congress.

EMPIRE: 3/31/1920/2/ Petersburg paper says a Pulp mill may be built in Thomas Bay at Cascade Creek.

EMP. 4/12/1920 Pulp Mills will be built at Snettisham----Speel River Project Co. Instigators are John Rustgard, E.P.Kennedy and W.P.Lass
Emp. 4/16/1920/5 Paper mill at Thomas Bay is assured. Work will begin in a month!

Empire: 5/3/1920/7 "Alecto" Capt. Tay Bayers took a load of supplies to the site of the pulp mill at Speel River.

Emp. 5/6/1920/8 U.S. Forestry Bureau takes first step to develop pulp. Advertises sale of 100,000 b.f. of timber for pulp. (More on this May 11, 1920/5)

Empire: 5/29/1920/7 Leo P. Kennedy is in town from Snettisham—reports preliminary work on the pulp mill has started. Bob Keeney has driven and capped the dock.

Empire: 6/14/1920/8 One hundred million ft. of timber has been successfully bid in by the Alaska Pulp and Paper Co. of Speel River. The Dock has been completed by Bob Keeney using the Libby's pile driver.

Empire: 7/10/1920 Big Pulp Mill at Thane Assured! Admitted by B.L. Thane of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Co.

Empire: 7/14/1920 California Paper & Water Co. invests two million dollars in timber in Port Snettisham area.

Empire: 7/20/1920/2 The Alaska Pulp & Paper Co. of Cordova incorporates/ Capt. A.E. Lathrop, Dr. W.W. Council, R.H.L. Noakes, and Julius Sahlin.
Empire: 7/22/1920 Work on the big Thane Pulp mill may start early next spring.

Empire: 8/9/1920 Timber supply for 20 pulp mills says Chief Forester, W.B. Greely.

Empire: 8/11/1920 First contract to cut pulp spruce in Alaska has been let to Sawyer & Reynolds Co. who have their outfit in Whitewater Bay near Killisnoo. Another logging outfit---McKay & Kinkaid, have their camp in Port Snettisham.

Emp. 0/5/1920 The Wrangell Mining, Pulp & Power Co. has been incorporated...

Emp. 1/19/1921 F.L. Ballaine proposes a pulp plant for Kenai this spring...

Emp. 1/20/1921 Supt. Geo. T. Jackson of the Alaska Gast. Mining Co. of Thane, denies that his company has bought any national forest timber (For pulp purposes)

Emp. 2/8/1921 Power for the new paper mill at Wrangell is asked. From Bradfield Canal.---Site of plant is Humpback Bay. Plans formulated.
Development of Alaska forests is certain.

Work on the paper mill at Cascade Cr. in Thomas Bay may start in the spring says F.C. Dougherty in a letter to M.S. Perkins in Petersburg.

V.G. JoC. Dort of U.S.F.S. engineers, makes power surveys in Blue Lake, Takatz Bay, etc.

Money for the big paper mill at Wrangell is sure—7-million bucks. Power will come from Aaron Creek in Blake Channel.

Another pulp project—Mahoney Lake and Beaver Lake. Permit issued for power to M.D. Leehey of the Alaska-American Paper Corp.

Pulp mill planned for Seward by Frank Ballaine. Power will come from Kenai Lake.

Seward Pulp project given set-back—fisheries interests paramount!

Prospects for pulp mill in Thomas Bay, good.

Pulp Co. incorporated—seek title to site in Carrol Inlet, near Ketchikan.
Developers of Thomas Bay pulp project granted 60 day extension to enlarge their plans.

Bright future seen for Juneau---Pulp mill operating here by 1961.

Newsprint mill in Juneau area one step closer. Georgia Pacific Co. filed articles of Incorporation as the Georgia Pacific Alaska Co. today. Gov. Heintzman optimistic.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. wants a paper plant in S.E. Alaska. He is at present negotiating for three sites in B.C. and one in S.E. Alaska.

Alaska is one of two remaining paper sources---V.G.

H.L. Faulkner begins suit to clear title for big pulp project at Thane. Largest suit ever started in local courts.
Emp. 2/13/1928  Cameron-Zellerbach Interests plan twelve-million dollar pulp plant at Ketchikan and a ten-million dollar plant at Juneau, is report. Preliminary work to begin this spring.

LOOK FOR MORE IN THIS FILE ON CARD MARKET ‘TIMBER CRUISING’

Emp. 3/23/1928/ Pulp industry for Juneau area, a ‘natural’ says Cameron-Zellerbach engineers.

8/24/1944/6 Crown-Zellerbach officials and B.F. Heintzleman are inspecting Ketch. pulp timber stands and project, et

A.J. Ela, winds up his power survey of Port Snettisham area for Crown-Zellerbach interests for this year.

Paper plant plans being pushed by C.J. Ela, engr. in charge.

Alaska is on Verge of New Industry says A.J. Ela of the pulp and paper industry.

C.H.Flory returns tells J. Chamber of Comm. not to be impatient over pulp mills; says there is much detail to be taken care of in the States first.

Final survey of big power line for Pulp plant made by engr. R.A.Kinzie---Snettisham to Taku Inlet.

Work on paper mill at Juneau to start in five or six months! So says R.A.Kinzie, engr. of the Cameron-Chandler Syndicate to the Juneau C. of Commerce.

Bureaus back local Forest Service and C.H.Flory efforts to establish pulp mills in Alaska.

Cameron asks for Lake Dorothy power permit.
4/26/1930 Channel Bridge approved by Sec. of Agriculture
Need is great with coming of the pulp mills.

5/8/1930 Two sites available for pulp plant in Juneau
one out by the greenhouse and the other borders deep
water off the Casey Shattuck Addition.

5/26/1930/2 The pulp mill of the Crown-Zellerbach people
to be built at Ketchikan, will be built in two years!

6/14/1930 Cameron plans four million dollar power project
here (Headlines in Emp.) Application filed with Federal
Power Commission. Will get 81,000 h.p. from Long,
Crater and Dorothy Lakes.

6/17/1930 Zellerbach seeks final license for power. Will
build five power plants in Ketchikan area---at Mirror,
Ella, Swan, Grace, Manzanita, and Orchard Lakes. on
Revillagigedo Island.

7/2/1930/ Power project plan revealed by Geo. T. Cameron
Using power from Long, Crater and Dorothy Lakes. Cost
$4,100,000. which includes 26,120' tunnel, 53 miles of
transmission cable and 3 transformer stations.

7/29/1930 Hitch seen in paper mill plans. Power license
may delay enterprises.
8/20/1930  Last details of Pulp Deal are Finished. B.F. Jeintzleman goes East after completing negotiations with Cameron.

10/17/1930/8  Move made by Ketchikan man, J.T. Jones to stop issuance of power permit---he claims title to 480 acres of land at Swan Creek.

Federal Power Commission (Emp. 11/26/1930) issues permits to Cameron and Zellerbach which gives them authority to construct 4-million dollar power unit! Work will start very soon!

12/5/1930  Juneau paper plant will be erected soon says John Rustgard, Atty. Gen.

1/23/1931  Last obstacle in Cameron pulp and paper permit removed by court ruling in Washington, D.C.

1/26/1931  All Set---Work to Start on big Juneau and Ketch Pulp Plants---soon as upward trend noticeable in financial, business and industrial conditions!

until State side resources are about exhausted!

4/30/1937 Pulp Industry Development in Alaska to be Revised Is Opinion of B.E. Heintzleman.

6/30/1937 Heintzleman sees future in pulp industry.

Stroller's 9/3/1921 J. G. Galvin announces plans for a 7-million pulp and paper mill at Wrangell with a capacity of 200 tons daily.

3/31/1940/3 Enough timber in S.E. Alaska for seven big 500 ton pulp mills says Chief of Forest Service, Silcox.

4/25/1944 S.E. Alaska to have Pulp mill after war says F.S (Forest Service)

12/16/1946 Alaska Pulp Timber Development is near...
(See card on MULLEN, BEN)

2/8/1947 No Pulp or paper mills for about 3 years yet says B.F. Heintzleman.


Forest Service advertises big timber sale for areas on West Side of Admiralty Island. A.G.M.Co. at Thane will start pulp mill!

A N.Y. Company wants water power permits for Tyee and Anan Creeks in Bradfield Canal.

Alaska Gast. Mining Co. (Thane) to close down on end of this month. Mining machinery will be moved to make way for pulp machinery says Mgr. Geo. T. Jackson.

A.Gast Mng. Co. to run beyond June 1st, as previously planned—about 30 days more.

Thane mine and mill to close permanently tomorrow....

SEE CARD ON THANE, IN THIS FILE FOR MORE.

U.S.F.S. announces big pulp timber sale in the Shrimp Bay area, in Behm Canal, to the Alaska American Paper Corp. of N.Y.

4-million dollar pulp & paper mill proposed for Shrimp Bay. To start cutting timber by 10/1/23

Timber sold. Thane plant to be realized!
Emp. 8/30/1921/3 Paper mill likely for Wrangell...

Emp. 10/31/1921/8 First license issued for Alaska water power by U.S. Forest Service to the Alaska American Paper Co. on Oct. 13th. For the purpose of running a pulp mill in Shrimp Bay.

Emp. 1/28/1922/8 V.G. Bradfield Canal pulp plans prospering—-Guggenheim’s plan early start on site.

Emp. 2/4/1922/7 Frank Ballaine and an engineer to Kenai Lake to survey for pulp plant planned in Ressurection Bay

Emp. 3/18/1922/6 Thomas Bay timber survey and power site being made by J.P. Williams of U.S. Forest Service.

Emp. 5/23/1922/8 Permit issued Wrangell Pulp & Paper Co. Will use both Harding and Grant rivers. (A preliminary water development permit.)

Emp. 7/6/1922/8 New power site at Takatz Bay. J.O. Dort.

Emp. 7/13/1922/2 Big pulp plant contemplated at Thomas Bay Cascade Creek—-16,000 h.p.

Emp. 7/27/1922/2 Large area of timber sought in Thomas Bay by S.F. parties.
Emp. Apr. 18, 1955 Headlines 'Tongass Timber will go on Sale' (4½ billion ft. will be offered near Sitka---and the Juneau timber sale is being negotiated...)

Emp. 10/29/1926 Letter of Emil Gastonguay which says in part; "Slander injures chances for paper development."

Emp. 11/19/1926 Withdrawal of 'landing sites' in Taku Inlet area leaves way clear for Snettisham power to be cabled into Juneau. Sweetheart Falls----17,400 h.p.
Tease Lake 9,100 h.p.
Crater Lake 17,700
Long Lake 32,000

All of the above combined with Channel power sites will aggregate in excess of 100,000 h.p. (Not counting the Speew River itself and Dorothy and Carlson Creek.

Emp. 12/6/1926 Zellerbach Paper Co. plans two year investigation and may invest in $30,000,000. paper mill in S.E. Alaska., etc.

Emp. 12/8/1926 V.G.feature story ALASKA FOR PULP
Emp. 1/17/1927 Alaska timber put up for sale by F.B. Bids on two tracts of 5-billion ft. each will be adv. and sold.

Emp. 3/1/1927 Heintzleman looks for pulp plant here and in Ketchikan very shortly.

Emp. 3/4/1927 Development of pulp industry now beginning

Emp. 4/15/1927 Zellerbach Paper Co. bids 80¢ per 100 cu. ft for spruce and 40¢ for hemlock; They plan a plant in Thorne Arm. International Paper Co. bid 90¢ for spruce and 30¢ for hemlock. Plan mill in same area 500 ton daily capacity.

Emp. 5/23/1927 Timber buyers of pulp industry due here June 7 to inspect Thane and Speel River properties.

Emp. 6/2/1927 Pump and paper men get water power leases.

Emp. 6/22/1927 Pulp engineers go to Survey Port Snettisham

Emp. 7/22/1927 Wendell Dawson, engr. for the Cameron Ints. is here to make power surveys in the Port Snettisham area.

Emp. 9/10/1927/5 M.S. Whittier and son Judson, arr. on "D. Alex" have been boosting Juneau. Tell of progress made by pulp industry in Juneau while they were in States.

Emp. 12/3/1927 Pulp and paper industry to help Alaska---Timber sales adv.
K.D. News 2/2/55  Sitka pulp plant due in fall! Y. Ishida, executive director of Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co.---

Emp. 2/1/'55 Jap. Y. Ishida, in Juneau; Again Pushing the Sitka Project.


Emp. 10/29/1923 Pulp & paper in Alaska is assured says Henry C. Wallace, Sec. of Agriculture.

Emp. 10/17/1924/8 A new pulp mill will be built at Sweetheart Falls in Port Snettisham

Emp. 5/28/1926 Bart L. Thane and 5 pulp & paper men head North to look over proposed sites for pulp industry.

Emp. 6/1/1926 Thane and party here. Confident of paper mill. Heintzleman trip to Wash. D.C. fruitfull he believes
Emp. 6/9/1926/8  B.L. Thane, McBain, and B.F. Hemntzleman left on F.S. "Tahn" to inspect Admiralty Island timber and will look over power sites at Annex and DorthyCr.

Emp. 8/20/1927  Paper Miknit Sure to Come to Territory says R.S. Kellogg.
K. D. N. 4/6/1956 - B.C. Pulp Output sets Record! Will go still higher in the next five years.

Western Div. of Canadian Pulp & Paper assn. reported production last year was 1,407,561 tons, valued at $205,407,868. Previous record was set in 1954 with 1,287,433 tons valued at $176,094,094.

In 1956 more than $85,000,000 will be spent on expansion by the industry. During next five years a total of more than $250,000,000 will be invested in pulp and paper! This follows expenditures of close to $200,000,000 on plant modernization and expansion over the last 7 years.

Last year the U.S. purchased $109,054,278, or 53% of the B.C. out-put. Canadian markets absorbed 28% and the rest went over seas.

7/7/1947 VG. Norman R. Walker's letter to Bob Bartlett on not protesting Indian claims when Hope, Johnson, Grant and Peratrovich went to Wash. D.C. on Pulp, timber claims. VG.

7/7/1947 Pulp chances remote as Alaska indians opposition is successful.
7/28/1947 Pulp mills for Alaska on the Way. Two firms ready to start (Jim Price of Sitka ?)

8/3/1947 Pres. signs Timber Bill. S.E. may get 5 mills.


See cards on ABORIGINAL RIGHTS and INDIAN CLAIMS for more.

12/15/1947 Timber contract between Klawock and NY Timber Development Corp. approved by James E. Curry, Indian lawyer. Double sale as U.S.F.S. is advertising it for sale.

3/5/1948 Interior Dept. blocking development of Pulp mills.

4/2/1948 Pulp and paper firms withdraw all bids for Alaska timber because of Interior Dept. policies.

6/21/1948/2 Bartlett says pulp mill at Ketch would stabilize economy of Alaska "as nothing else could"

7/26/1948 Ketchikan Pulp and Paper Co. is a subsidy of P. Sd. Pulp and paper Co. and only company to qualify for timber bid of 3-billion bd. ft.

8/2/1948 First Alaska Pulp timber sale made to KP&PCo.

8/26/1948 High grade plant planned for Ketchikan.

8/28/1948 Hope work on Sitka pulp mill can start 1st of yr.
PULP MILLS

S.E. Alaska

1. A.J. Mine eyes pulp field. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 5.)
2. Mine to broaden activities. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 11.)
3. Speel River pulp souvenir mentioned along with one from Ketchikan Pulp Co. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 13.)
4. Refer to cards on Speel River for more info...
5. Pict. of 2 sites at Sitka (Juneau 1-A; pp. 29)
6. Japs set to lease Wrangell Mill. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 31)
7. Sitka pulp plans pushed by Japs. (Juneau 1-A; pp. 31)
8. Refer to card in this file TIMBER SALES...for more.
9. Georgia-Pacific at Juneau. (Juneau 9; pp. 21)
10. More on card GEORGIA-PACIFIC CO. in this file.

11. Refer to secondary files (PULP MILLS) for much more.

Emp. 8/15/1928 Headlines "Pulp Industry Coming to Juneau says Sec. of Agriculture Jardine, in Juneau today."
Emp. 8/17/1928 "Juneau Pulp & Paper Certain" Exact location of plant is only question in doubt.
Emp. 6/22/36--(NOTE BOOK NO. 11) Harvey Brown's caution to Juneau Chamber of Commerce on 'over-optimism'
9/2/1952 - B.F. Heintzleman reveals plans for Juneau pulp plant. (paper mill)

V.G. History of Pulp in AMERICANA (Lg. paper back on shelf for 1941
PURCHASE OF ALASKA

See various cards on HISTORY, etc. in this and other files

VALDEZ NEWS 7/26/1902/3 VG. Story by Seward's son giving
some different interesting facts on the actual purchase.

(VERY GOOD ARTICLE) Different from most other versions.
Emp. 2/9/1921/8 Writ of attachment served on Pybus Bay Canning Co.

Emp. 5/9/1921/8 A.O. Anderson & Co. of Portland, Ore will take over and operate the Pybus Bay Pkg. Co. this yr.

Emp. 6/20/21/8 Pybus Bay to run this year---Supt. will be A.J. Goodman.