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RABBITS

VG pict of Arctic hare (white) A.S. June 1956
page 30.
Mag. cut of the wartime shipwright of the Foss Co. repair yard.
RAILROADS IN ALASKA

D.A.Disp. 3/27/1901 pp.4  Complete list of railroads in Alaska at this time. During 1900, only one railroad was built—the Wild Goose—from Nome to Anvil City about 4½ miles. Many more are contemplated.

J.C.M.R. 1/29/1891 Alaska Railroad proposed—Portage Bay to Herendeen Bay...

D.A.Disp. 11/7/1903 pp 4  Canada to build a railroad from Van. B.C. to Dawson—with American capital.

6/27/1950/5 Yakutat & Southern RR plenty busy at Yakutat.

VG history of the Tanana Valley Railroad. pp 4-A F. News Miner July 17, 1959

See card, this file on ALASKA RAILROAD.

6/27/1903 ALASKAN (Sitka) Yakutat Railroad.

The northbound Montrealer, Central Vermont Railway train, recently made its final run behind a steam locomotive. The last trip of the loci., No. 6208, marked the passing of the steam-railroad engine era in New England.
RAILROADS TO ALASKA

Proposed

7/6/1942 Railroad to Alaska is Started. Work in the Territory is half done! (?) Will have two highways and a railroad! (Rep. W.G. Magnusson of Wash.)

10/16/1948 Plans to extend RR from B.C. to Alaska is reported.

11/16/1948 Railroad to Alaska too costly--about 700-million.

7/29/1949 R.R. to Alaska gets boost in U.S. Senate.

8/24/1949 Vital Seattle-Alaska railroad link through B.C. now probable says Victoria, B.C. newspaper.

9/8/1949 Rail connection P. Sd. to Alaska not essential!
1. History of all craft of F.S. in Alaska. Book 35; p. 53
1. Charlie Dumas of Los Angeles' Compton College made a new world record for the high jump—7' 3 ½ inch. at Olympic tryouts (S.P.I. 6/30/1956)

2. Glenn Davis of Ohio State University skimmed the 400 meter hurdles in 49.5 secs. to beat world record of 50.4 secs. set by Russia's Yurity Lituyev in 1953.

3. Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian College equalled the world's record for 100 meters with 10.2 secs.
1. Instructions for new (1954) 3-speed record player in Large Env. No. 23.
Emp. 4/20/1922/7 Red Bluff Bay cannery to be converted to a herring plant this summer says Lee Wakefield.

Emp. 3/24/1927/2 Wakefield Fisheries seeks power permit for their herring plant at Red Bluff Bay.
Fears were expressed today that a new "Red Tide" has returned to Gulf of Mexico waters off the S.W. coast of Florida, bringing death to millions of fish.

The infestation took a heavy toll of fish in these waters a few years ago. Scientists said it apparently was caused by an organism in the gills.

Shrimp boat skippers returning from Dry Tortugas and Campeche, Mexico, reported the dead fish from 70 miles out all the way to Fort Myers beach.

"They were packed solid 10 miles out," said Capt. Gordon Ford of the shrimp boat "Lucky Star". "We first started seeing them about 70 miles out. They got thicker as we made it to 20, and at 10 miles we were really pushing through them.

Capt. Ford came from Campeche; similar reports were received from Capt. Bob Sadler of the shrimper "Savannah" returning from Dry Tortugas.

Sadler said most of the dead fish were porgies, grouper, and spot fish. He said he saw dead fish from
a few miles north of Dry Tortugas to Fort Myers beach. Residents of Sanibel Island reported a dark-brown discoloration of water off the island, where thousands of dead fish littered the beaches.

Similar water discolorations and many dead fish also were reported by residents of Boca Grande and Captiva Island off the southwest Florida coast.
REFUGEES

In Alaska------

Fairbanks News Miner for 12/4/1956 suggested 5000 be sent to Alaska! (See Emp. 12/4/56)
1/10/1939 Entire fishing industry threatened by proposed regulation. To require 4 licensed men on all boats even under 200 tons. Protests, etc.
3/24/1939 Legislation passed exempting vessels under 200 gross tons from having to have 4 licensed men.

12/9/1933 C.W.A. relief work begins at Salmon Creek--crews clear stream.

12/13/1933/4 (Editorial) Alaska Salmon packers request they write their own N.R.A. code.

12/27/1933/8 Work in Evergreen Bowl begins today--five men start work. C.W.A. (Civil Works Administration)


1/24/1934 Hugh Wade brings N.R.A. to Alaska, explains workings.


2/6/1934 Wade outlines new N.R.A. code rules to govern fishing---VG.

2/7/1934/8 A.J. trail to #3 tunnel portal to be repaired by U.S. Forest Service under N.I.R.A.

8/21/1934  N.R.A. is cause of labor strife says Byron Price.  VG.
9/25/1935  Montana CCC Camp. completed by crew under Wm. Fromholtz.
To open by July 15, 1921 says Col. James G. Steese, Pres. of the Alaska Road Commission. PATHFINDER May 1921.
5/10/1935/8 Toll of $2.50 per ton mile charged on Richardson Highway by A.R.C.
Removal attempts.  Book 36; Page 49
Book 35; Page Inside cover
Pacific Work Boat Sept. '52 page 23

Another attempts to be made in 1954; Book 41; pp 38

See pp. 21; PWB. July, 1955 for more on new attempt.
Emp. 2/7/1928/6 Vancouver merchants exchange recommends that Ripple Rock be removed----'blasted out'...

M.D. 2/11/1956 Mining shaft being sunk on Maud Id. to eliminate Ripple Rock will sink to 500' below sea level then turn at right angles for 2000' to the two-pronged rock. Late Jan. (1956) the shaft was being collared and a head frame being erected to give Maude Id. appearance of a mining camp. Tunnel expected to take two years and an estimated 750 tons of nitron will be jammed into the core of the rock to blow it to smithereens. Surface me-
hods have proven virtually impossible.

First ship damaged on rock was USS SARANAC, a 12-gun sternwheeler, in 1875. Since then have been the USS WACHUSETTS in 1884; HMS SATELLITE, S.S. AMUR, S.S. "Spokane (Spokane Queen), S.S.-BONITA, S.S. DANUBE, in 1906. S.S. PRINCE GEORGE in 1929, GREYLOCK in 1929 and the ALEUTIAN and PRINCE RUPERT later. Last ship to hit it was the S.S. PRINCE GEORGE in 1953.

Cost estimated at $2,000,000.

P.W.B. Apr. 1956 pp. 10. VG. pict. and some info.
1. Pict. of Tiekel Roadhouse, opened in 1902 (AS. July '56)
2. Pict. of North Pole 'Santa Clause House (AS. July 1956)
3. 
1. Good 8 x 10 pict. Sunset. Neg. no. 24623-6
Rocks
Bad, non-existent, etc.

10/25/1937/6 Leonard Rock, about 25 miles off Sanak Island does not exist U.S.C. & Geo Survey discovers!
9/20/1901 A railroad 7 miles long was being built there, according to Geo. Bent, Supt.

9/23/’93 Was probably named for Ensign Hugh Rodman of Coast Survey str. "Patterson"

VALDEZ NEWS 6/8/1901 Dock being built at Rodman Bay and road 6 miles to mine being put in. Will employ about 70 men and operate 80 stamps.

A.R.M. 8/18/1900 V.G. History of Rodman Bay Mines.
D.A. Disp. 5/9/1901 "Tonquin" tender of the Rodman Bay Mining Co. was at Juneau today for supplies, etc.

D.A. Disp. 9/14/1901 pp.4 The Rodman Bay Mining Co.'s rail-road is being built according to Geo. Bent, Supt.
RUSSIA

Notes of interest from old papers.

1. NOME NEWS 2/9/1904 (back page) V.G. article by Senator Hansborough of N. Dakota titled "U.S. and Russia Will Fight"

2. NOME NEWS Page 3; 8/12/1904 War Spreads to Alaska! 40 Japs and 65 Russians have battle at Douglas City.

3. DAILY ALASKAN (Skagway) 10/15/1901 page 3. V.G. Cannot Mine in Siberia (U.S. treatment of Natives, etc.)

4. VG NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Aug. 1917 (Russia from within)

5. VG NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Sept. 1917 (Glimpses into Russia)
Women ship masters. BOOK 44; pp 48

Russian gunboat "Zabiaka" on Russian seal patrol in 1892.

Emp. 12/6/1921/8 V.G. Capt. G.K. Gudmundsen, of the sch.

"Polar Bear" doesn't like the Russians---says they crush all ambition, etc. V.G. parallel to modern day.
In this dictionary there are a considerable number of names accredited to the Russ. without being more specific. This was unavoidable because more specific information was lacking. The names so accredited come chiefly from charts issued by the Russ. Hydrographic Dept. Between 1844 and 1854 a dozen (more of less) charts of N.W. Am. Bering sea, and the Arctic were issued as parts of a Pac. ocean series and subsequently given new numbers.

SEE CARD ON "COMMUNISM" IN THIS FILE.

Emp. 10/17/1924 Russians forcefully take Americans off Wrangell Island.

Emp. 4/28/1927/8 V.G. Red is unwanted color in Finland---Finns hate Bolsheviks so bad they will not even buy an American made car if it has any shade of red on it.
J.C.M.R. 1/2/1890 Says instance of Russian fidelity----
In Russia, before electricity, relay stations were maintained in sight of each other and all messages were sped on their way in this manner. One day, a Russian on one end of the line became despondent and hung himself. They were later found hung all along the line!

Emp. 8/31/1921/3 V.G. Secret Report Reveals How Reds Plan to Disrupt the Orient! V.G.

5/10/1938 Two Russian boat Captains sentenced to death for 'terrorism' in collision and sinking of two Russian vessels in the Caspian Sea!


6/19/1947 Russia offered Germany separate peace in 1943!

12/4/1947 Says Russia Proposes to Conquer World in one of two different ways.
11/22/1933 Some people excited (favorably) by U.S. recognition of Russia.

8/28/1934/2 Two Soviet tugs the "Bathalum" and "Baymead" arrive in Juneau bound for Vladivostok. Capt. Ivan Uspensky in charge. Both are 165' long and have 1000 h.p. steam. Built by Ford Co. and delivered to S.F. from the East Coast. Capt. C.C. 'Kelly' Garfield, pilot, got off here in Juneau.

2/9/1937 Russian plane leaves to map route from Moscow to Alaska.

8/30/1939/2 Seven Russian vessels stop at Unalaska on way around the world.
RUSSIAN AMERICAN CO.

1799-1867

The Russ.-Am. Co. was chartered on June 8, 1799, for 20 years. On Sept 23, 1821, its charter was renewed for 20 years. In 1844 it was again renewed for another 20 yrs. to date from Jan. 1, 1842. The unchartered company after 1862 continued on sufferance, till the purchase of Alaska by the U.S. in 1867. Much geographic information was gathered and published by officers of the company. Info. cited in this dictionary is credited to such officers when known, but otherwise to the company. The principal reference to the company's results are to a map of Baranof Id. contained in its report for 1849.
3/11/1946  Pravda (Russian newspaper) says Churchill is "Inciting War" with his British-American Military Alliance.... (First hint of Russ. aggressiveness.)

3/14/1946  Russians swing towards Turkish Border. Situation tense.

3/16/1946  Potsdam Pact guarantees to Russia now revealed!

3/18/1946  Russian-American relations tense. Crisis in Iran

3/19/1946  Russian espionage in Canada bared. Spy system details

3/20/1946  Soviets tell very bluntly of their Korean Policy

3/27/1946  Russian Pac. Coast spy case revealed! By FBI.
Atomic secrets and a war vessel involved!

1/18/1947  Aleutian Island training worries Russians.

9/27/1948  Western Powers Break with Russia (More in papers before this date.)
RUSSIANS VESSELS in Alaskan waters.
Russ. naval off. on board the corvette "Rynda" in 1863 visited Wrangell and the Stikine river and made surveys there, especially of the Stikine. The surveyors were Butirkin and Kadin. Prof. Wm. P. Blake, of New Haven, was also a member of the party and published an account of the work done and results obtained, in the Am. Journal of Science, New Haven, July 1867.

The Russ. Hydro. Dept. in 1867 pub. a chart of the Stikine resulting from this survey.