

EXPERTS WILL CHART ALASKA

Oil Producing Lands in Northern Alaska Will Be Surveyed by Professionals.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—In the latest search for valuable mineral wealth the government is sending a party of expert geologists and topographic engineers on a midwinter expedition to the tip of Alaska on the Arctic, to survey some 25,000 square miles of uncharted wilderness, rugged mountain chains and large stretches of undulating treeless plains.

A few days ago the Geological Survey told of the plans to send, at the expense of the Navy Department, a small party of government technicians to northern Alaska to survey lands embraced in the navy's largest petroleum reserve, but little could be gathered from the brief announcement as to the hazards and hardships this little band of men probably will face once it leaves the ice-free harbor of Seward to travel by rail, road, boat, dog sled and canoe with four or five tons of supplies and before it completes its reconnaissance at Dease Inlet, 25 miles east of Point Barrow.

Much of the region south of the reserve already has been surveyed by a party under direction of Dr. Philip S. Smith, leader of the party now on its way to the far north, and portions east of it also have been examined by J. B. Martin, another member of this winter's expedition.

The present party, in addition to Dr. Smith and Martin, will consist of William T. Foran, geologist; Gerald Fitzgerald and R. K. Lyon, topographic engineers; and several assistants. It will enter the region from the south, starting in midwinter when some of the transportation problems are least difficult. It will be left on its own resources for at least six months, and tons of supplies will have to be transported, mainly by dog sled for 400 miles even before reaching the reserve.

At Tanana, dog teams will be purchased and packers, camp hands, and dog-team drivers will be employed. From Tanana the technical members of the party will go north with four teams, comprising 20 dogs, followed by slower freight teams. From Nenana the route leads down the Tanana River to Tanana, thence along the trail overland nearly 150 miles to the little mission of St. John's in the wilderness. From here the route will follow the Alut River, a tributary of the Koyuk, which rises in the high, rugged mountains that form the southern border of the naval reserve.

About 150 miles up the Alutna, the party will establish a headquarters camp from which it will explore the adjacent region for distances of 50 miles or more and search for a pass across the mountain range, while waiting for the dog freight to catch up.

From here on for a distance of 700 miles, over a vast stretch of tundra, the expedition will have to use kerosene for cooking food which will consist of moose, mountain sheep, caribou, ptarmigan, fish and the small black bears of northern Alaska the latter to contribute materially to the provisioning of the dog teams.

These expeditions will determine the most feasible pass across the mountains and when found the party will move northward to the drainage basin of some tributary of the Colville River. Here two canyons will be reached with enough supplies to last four months, a period of three months. The expedition will then push along to the west, following the northern front of the mountain range, in an attempt to find a pass over it into the drainage basin of Meade River.

By this time the summer season will be near at hand and sledging no longer will be possible. One party of four will then return to the cache on the headwater stream of the Colville, while the

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The king and queen of England, with all the pomp of ancient times, rode in their golden coach to Parliament. Never before in England's history has a monarch gone to speak before a Parliament the dominant figure in which is a Laborite. This is a splendid close-up of Queen Mary in her queenly robes, and crown.

LACK OF THRIFT CAUSES DIVORCE, DECLARES JUDGE

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Lack of thrift has been the chief cause of recent divorces here, according to statistics prepared by Judge Hatch 16 clock of the superior court, covering about 1,000 divorces cases.

"In a number of cases," said Judge Hatch, "the married couple lived together less than one day, while the greatest length of time that any couple lived together and then sought divorce was 35 years. The women lead the comparative total of unfaithful husbands, ten percent of the defendants in such divorce actions being of that occupation. Next in order were contractors, merchants, plumbers, and printers, with a few barbers. Strange to say, the list included no attorneys—in fact, few professional men and women.

If the idea of thrift and home-owning is to be inculcated in the minds of the American people it should be taught in the schools. Then there will be less inclination to rush to the divorce court on the slightest pretext."

Nine Deaths in Week Laid to Fireplaces

ATLANTA, Ga. (INS) — When the open fireplace, unprotected by a screen, claimed nine more lives here this week, as indicated by the mortality records of Dr. John P. Kennedy, City Health Officer, Fire Chief W. L. Cody issued a vigorous renewal of his warning, sounded several weeks ago, that the "open fireplace is one of the greatest menaces of the day to the lives of elderly persons and children."

"I have constantly warned about this," said the fire chief. "Wire screening over grates and open fireplaces would serve the necessary protection, if people would only use a little forethought."

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BRISK DEMAND FOR HORSES IS STILL NOTED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In this age of motors there still is a consistent demand for horses, according to an announcement made here by the Horse Association of America.

The statement says that the horse, man's servant and companion for countless generations, is continuing to adapt itself to conditions as they arise.

"Market demands," adds the association, "are for the very heavy draft horses, or for the heavier type of wagon horses, while the demand for mules is tending more and more for the heavier type. Race horses that can win are sought; those that cannot are discarded. Saddle horses that possess symmetry, style and quality command high prices when well schooled."

Production of the lighter type of ordinary horses is being curtailed, it is stated, while the heavier horses and aristocratic horses are being bred in increasing quantities.

"There are more than 25,000,000 horses and mules in the United States. Of these 17,000,000 actually are in harness each year.

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other remains on the tributary of the Meade, each awaiting the break-up of the streams, after which the rest of the journey will be made by canoe.

After the ice breaks the parties will descend the stream, mapping them and the surrounding country in addition to making geological researches. The Colville party later will make a portage across country to the Chipp or Hiphung River, and descend it to Meade Inlet, a bay lying about 25 miles east of Point Barrow.

Meade River also enters this inlet and when the two parties meet here the survey of the region will have been practically completed. Return will be by way of Point Barrow, Nome and Seattle.

Telephone Company Predicts Great Growth for California
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The approximate universality of the telephone has made the company installing and operating these instruments another source of statistics on the inhabitants of the communities they serve, as is evidenced in a statement made public by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The company announced that there were 719,494 telephones in California, an increase of 62,558 in ten months. This means, according to the report, 18 telephones for each 100 of the population.

Incidentally, the company's statistical survey indicated that the average California family has decreased in size from an average of 4.5 persons in 1920 to 2.5 in 1924.

The population of the state today is estimated at close to 4,000,000. The company predicts that by 1930 it will exceed 5,000,000. In 1920 California was twenty-third among the states in 1920 it was eighth. The company's prophecy places it as fourth or fifth by 1930 and as second only to New York within 40 years.

Fences Down; Cattle Go.
SALEM, Ore. — Complaint was lodged with the public service commission here today by Bert Boylan, district attorney of Grant county, to the effect that the Oregon Trunk railroad, in abandoning its line between South Junction and Metolius, has removed wires from its fences with the result that farmers and cattle raisers living along the railroad have suffered heavy losses.

It was said that in wrecking the fences along the right of way the fields have been opened, and cattle and other livestock have strayed away.

The commission has notified District Attorney Boylan that the complaint will have proper consideration.

Coos Near Dry Record.
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Only once in the last 24 years has there been a drier January than that just past for there was a precipitation of only 0.23 inches. In January, 1923 the fall was 5.12 inches. The past ten days in Coos bay have been warm and balmy, and during the rainy spells the temperature remained 50 and 60.

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