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Father Duncan

And His Utopia.

Between the seven sons of Guggenheim and an island of gold and other pelf, which is their hearts' desire, there stands a little gray haired priest of the church and a collection of humans which he had made by hand.

This island of riches is Metlakatla, a green gem set in the midst of a thousand other green gems, which are the jewels that make transcendently beautiful the sunny south Alaskan seas.

Its guardian against the predatory hand is Father Duncan and his people are the aborigines to whom 40 years ago he carried the word of God and the ways of civilization—they are his people, for he made them and of all the tribes of earth, saving the five nations alone, there is none to compare, for under the little padre's guidance they have attained the standard of the white man, without having shouldered his burden.

ISLAND A TREASURE BOX.

From land's end to land's end their island of Metlakatla is a treasure box. It is a huge ledge of heavily mineralized quartz thrust up from the sea's bottom

and made to blossom as a garden by the wig wiggings current of the Japan stream. Geologically, the theory is that it is a continuation of the world famous ledges of Douglas island, which has given to the Treadwell family a dozen fortunes of magnitude and syndicates that holds it, other fortunes of greater proportions. Almost anywhere among the fir trees and the flowers, the rich vein outcrops and the gulches and estrellas are filled with goldshot float, which shows also the green that comes of copper in such proportions that it means millions to mill it.

They have bought the rich placers of Yukon, have the seven Guggenheims; they have sent millions for control of the never-ending copper deposits in the Copper River country. They have a purchasing agreement on the tremendously rich copper vein that has brought La Pouch island to prominence, and prospectors among the gold dykes of Chicagoff island are, for the most part "Gug-gy" agents disguised with a pick. They have flooded the Seward peninsula and the Nome beach with experts and they have prospected, bought and bonded the wonderful deposits of the Tanana. Mil-