

ALASKA'S EXECUTIVE, AND GLIMPSE OF ONE OF TERRITORY'S BIG INDUSTRIES.

ALASKA GOVERNOR GREAT ON TRAVEL

Over 45,000 Miles in 3 Years Covered by Clark on Official Business.

TRIP "INSIDE" IS LATEST

Executive and His Wife Now En Route to Yukon Country—Pauses to Give His Ideas of Legislation Needed for Territory.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 11.—(Special Correspondence.)—Walter E. Clark, Governor of Alaska, is champion globetrotting executive of America!

Our geographers record the distance around the earth at 25,000 miles. This statement, therefore, that the chief "skookum" of Uncle Sam's most northerly domain has traveled 45,469 miles in less than three years in the discharge of official duties, is bound to elicit a few gasps of astonishment.

But, that's exactly what Governor Clark of Alaska has accomplished. Or perhaps it should be said that he completed by October 1, the third anniversary of his appointment to the gubernatorial chair by President Taft, as successor to the late William H. Gast. Hence his right to the migratory laurel beam.

Just now this interesting personage is on the last lap of his record-breaking performance. He is midway on a six-week trip from Juneau to the "inside"—"inside" is what they call the country in the Yukon territory—and he is again setting eyes upon the famous Treadwell gold mines, visible across the channel from his Juneau home. Governor Clark will have reeled off the final 6000 miles.

Imagine journeying 6000 miles to shake hands with a constituency of only 65,000 people—one-fourth the population of Portland, a constituency, too, that is gradually decreasing as a result of the Pinchot thumb-screw sentiment against the highly-capitalized interests.

Three Trips Made to Washington.

Once before, Governor Clark braved this 6000-mile caravaning through the almost inaccessible, but strangely fascinating northland. Three times he has rushed to Washington, D. C., to present the demands of his neglected territory. This latter jaunt is a matter of some 3200 miles, but a trip across the continent aboard a palatial Pullman is as a stroll down the Washington, compared to the penetration of the Land of the Midnight Sun—over steep mountains, down dangerous trails, through swift waters of canyons, and ended only finally by a couple of thousand miles aboard an ocean freighter.

Hardships Are Many.

The writer had the pleasure of accompanying Governor and Mrs. Clark on the first swing of the jaunt from Juneau, the capital since 1906, when Sitka lost out in the struggle for location. From Juneau to Skagway, 100 miles, Captain of the Alaska Steamship Line, entertained the Governor. One hundred and ten miles over the remarkable White Pass and Yukon Railroad set the party at a picturesque Canadian village. Here Governor Clark boarded a river steamer for a 2500-mile trip through Lakelse, Babine, and Skeena rivers down the Yukon, passing through Dawson, Circle, Fort Yukon, Tanana, Fairbanks, St. Michael and finally Nome. From probably 1500 miles but as no steamer routes connecting the two have yet been established, Governor Clark will have first to return south 3500 miles to the Alaska capital.

Clark Is Journalist.

At close range Governor Clark is a mild-mannered individual of pronounced Yankee characteristics. He was born in Connecticut 43 years ago, graduated with a bachelor of philosophy degree from Wesleyan University, Middletown, in 1895, and immediately came to Alaska as a newspaper man, a means of livelihood. For 12 years he represented various New York newspapers in the National Capital, so is another example of the "Yankee" who has made good in public life.

Three times prior to his appointment Clark the writer felt the lure of Alaska. In 1900, when the Klondike gold boom was under way, he dabbled his palms in the sands along the beach, hoping for the bonanza that never came. Again in 1903 he spent a few days with his gun and traps in the southeastern shore, and in 1908 toured all over the huge domain engaged in a newspaper valuation scheme. The thrill of exploration and the terror of a voyage over which he was later to preside.

There seems to exist a growing sentiment in favor of home rule," was remarked to the Governor.

Politicians Will Talk.

"Yes," he laughed, "a great deal of politics is made out of that. Some of the more radical try to make it as disagreeable as possible for the nonresident officials, but that must be taken as part of the game. We all agree of course that home rule is the ideal solution when the proper time comes. But just now Alaska has neither the population nor the means of communication to make local government feasible."

"Are you satisfied with the progress made during your tenure of office?" was asked.

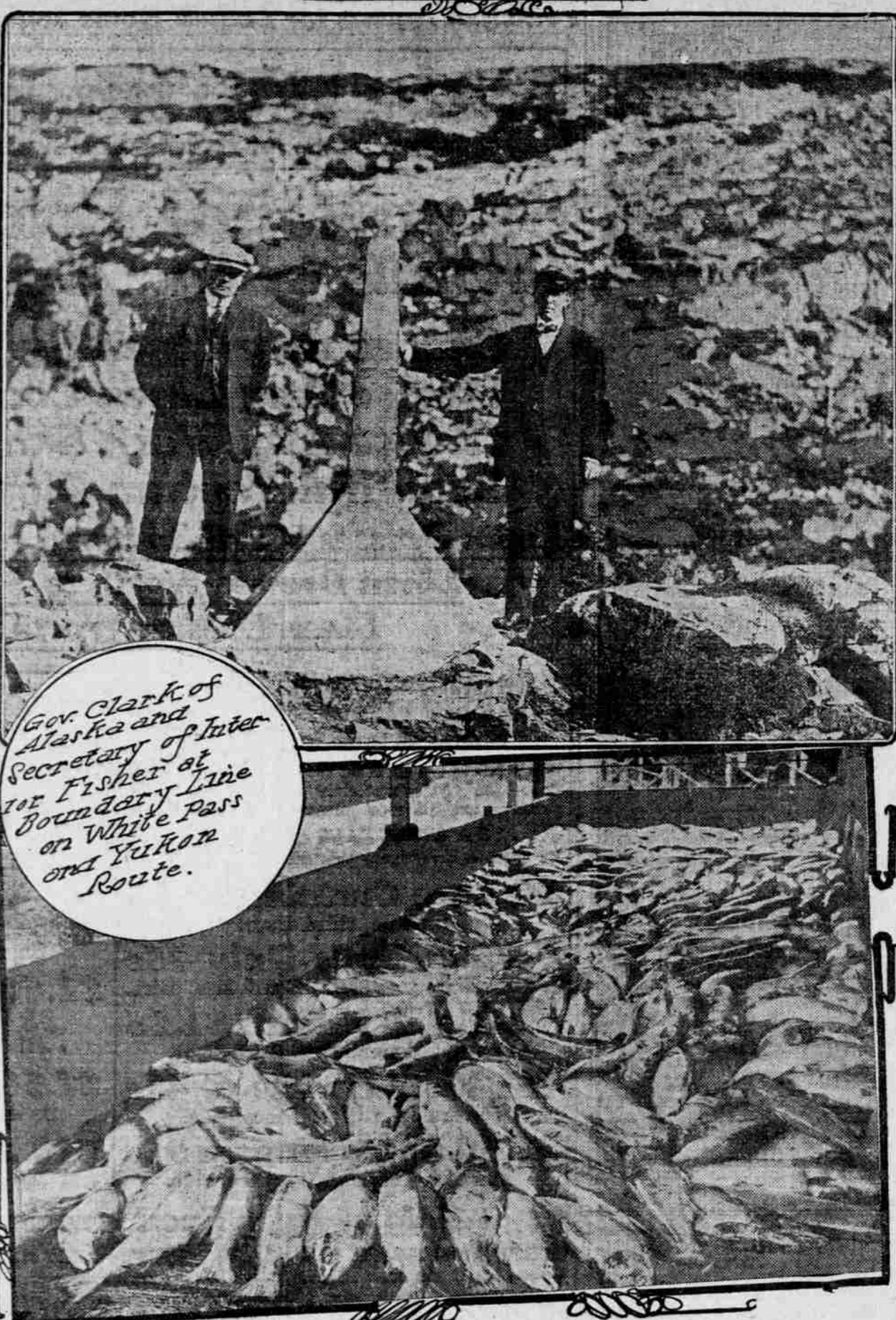
"Well, we've made some advances, but I am far from satisfied," replied the Alaska executive. "I had intended staying only one year, but I've found no place to quit. The Pinchot muckraking campaign directed at Alaska has set the territory back many years. For almost a long time Alaska suffered through the popular ignorance of the United States. Now she is suffering from too much publicity of the wrong kind. In my opinion the time has now come when we need not fear that any one corporation will gobble up the resources. The territory is too big and under present conditions the inducements do not exist."

Governor Clark epitomized the needed legislation as follows:

(1) Coal lands—A means should be made possible under the law. Nearly \$620,000 worth of coal was shipped into Alaska last year, while some of the finest bituminous beds in the land are lying untouched within Alaska's borders.

(2) Fisheries—Next to mining the fishing industry is the most productive in the territory, but unless some restrictions are levied on the number and location of the salmon canneries there is grave danger of depletion of the fish supply. Nearly 70 canneries are now in operation, furnishing employment to upwards of 16,000 persons. Japanese are mostly employed in the canning process. The total investment in the fisheries shown in the 1911 report was \$20,711,432; the finished product being 214,538,423 pounds with an export value of \$13,259,853.

(3) Mining law amendments—The



Gov. Clark of Alaska and Secretary of Interior Fisher at Boundary Line on White Pass and Yukon Route.

Salmon Ready for Canning Over 214,000,000 Pounds of Fish Exported by Alaska each Year.

OIL MEN AROUSED

Discovery at Harney Valley Starts Lively Boom.

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SAMPLE OIL TESTS HIGH

Experts Agree Prospects in New Field Are More Promising Than Bakersfield—Hope to Strike Gusher.

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DALLAS FAIR BIGGER ONE

Second Annual Harvest Festival to Be Held in October.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The second annual Harvest Festival and School Fair will be held here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5.

Centralia Cannery Will Open.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—It was decided at a meeting of the Centralia Commercial Club last night to reopen the local cannery next year.

Farmers Worried Over Market.

"If the railroad contractors do not decide to winter their stock in our valley this year," predicted Mr. Mahon, "we do not know what we will do with our grain."

POLK CROPS EXCELLENT

Hay Makes Heavy Yield and Wheat Goes 25 Bushels to Acre.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—A further investigation of the crop condition in Polk County has shown some interesting facts and figures.

Grants Pass' Growth Continues.

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HEARST OUT WITH PRAISE FOR TAFT

Editor, Straying Again From Old Party Fold, Attacks Democratic Platform.

FOLLOWERS AWAIT RETURN

Presiding Genius of Independence League Says Caudor Should Dictate, Giving Credit to President Where Due.

Wilson Called Caudor. Of the standard bearer, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hearst says:

"The Democracy has given the country as its candidate a convert to progressive principles, yet there are but few planks in the platform which echo his progressive sentiments, or express the progressive spirit of this progressive age."

"Dr. Wilson is in a peculiar and a delicate position before the country. There are many devoted Democrats still in doubt as to his actual attitude, and his permanent position upon the leading issues of the day."

Bryan Assailed as Coward. Bryan is scored for "contemptible cowardice or disgraceful treachery, which should be branded as such."

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WESTERN CULTURE LIKED

East Demands Graduates of Oregon School in Fruitgrowing.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Western methods of fruit culture are growing popular in the East.

It is not believed that Hearst will try to run a Presidential campaign. He did that four years ago, with mournful results.

Well, we shall know all about it soon after the steamer arrives from Europe.

GOLD CAMP IS LIVELY

Mineral Said to Be So Liberally Sprinkled Over Rock It Can Be Seen Without Glass.

NEW PINE CREEK, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—A new leasing company has been formed to work what is known as block 5 of the Sunshine-High Grade company's ground.

Manager Schrott is devoting all his time to developing the ground, having engaged other help to continue development on the original Lucky Dutchman lease.

Every day it is becoming more apparent that Cottonwood Canyon is one of the best mineralized areas in the district.

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