

OCTOPUS COVERTS ONLY HARBOR OF MIDDLE ALASKA

Guggenheims Already Have Rail Monopoly on Copper River; Cordova Waterfront Would Lock Grip Forever.

Washington, Jan. 7.—James Wick-ersham delegate from Alaska, is making a fight for free docks and waterfront in Alaska, to prevent conditions to come which would place Alaska in the hands of a few men. Last winter Judge Wickersham kicked up one of the largest squabbles ever attributed to a disfranchised member of congress. He fought the national administration, the Alaska syndicate and the government of Alaska.

Then he went home and found the national administration, the Alaska syndicate—which means the Guggenheim interests—lighting his reelection as delegate in congress. Nobody in particular was for him—nobody except the people of Alaska.

The combination of federal office-holders and corporation retainers fought Judge Wickersham down to the hour when the polls closed.

Guggenheims Have Rail Monopoly.

Anyhow, with everybody except the people against him, Judge Wickersham won handsomely, and is back in Washington, devoting himself to the effort to save Alaska. It is doubtful if so difficult a task was ever imposed on a member of congress. In a general way everybody is positive that Alaska is a region of vast resources, which ought to be preserved for the benefit of the whole people. But that is about as much as anybody in particular knows about it.

For two or three years it has been popularly understood that the Guggenheim interests were out to capture Alaska. The Guggenheims control the Copper River and Northwestern railroad. That railroad runs from the town of Cordova, on Cordova bay, up the Copper river to the heart of the richest coal field in Alaska.

There is only one route by which this coal can be reached from the sea and that is the one over which the Copper river road is being constructed.

Now for a Harbor Monopoly.

If the Guggenheims can assure themselves that nobody else will be able to obtain rights along the same route their monopoly will be perfect. The Copper river road requires, of course a terminal at one of the few open harbors on the southern coast of Alaska. If the road can procure a monopoly on a harbor, it will have a monopoly not only of the transportation situation but of the great coal field which it is designed to develop. During the last session of congress the town of Cordova, Alaska, introduced a bill which introduced a bill by Senator Clark of Wyoming, by request, which Judge Wickersham alleges, would if passed give the Guggenheims and their Copper river railroad a monopoly of the Cordova harbor. At the beginning of the present session the same bill was reintroduced, in new form, and referred to the committee on commerce.

To Seal One of Three Gateways.

Judge Wickersham alleges in his letter to Senator Frye:

"This bill grants and confirms to the Copper river railroad a strip of tide and shore land 200 feet in width along the entire waterfront of the town of Cordova and between the upland and the tidelands. There are but three gateways to the interior of Alaska, and Cordova is one of them. It is the central gateway and the outlet of the great Copper river coal and copper laws. If this bill should pass it would confirm a complete monopoly of approach between this gateway and the ocean.

"It is the same as if one railroad owned all of the waterfront of New York, Chicago, San Francisco or Seattle. If this bill should pass this railroad could, and would, prevent any other railroad, or any other enterprise of any kind, or the people of the United States or the territory of Alaska, from reaching the navigable waters of the Pacific from the interior of Alaska, except under such terms as the railroad dictates. It would give them entire charge control and ownership of the waterfront in front of the only harbor through which the Copper river traffic comes, and the coal from the Katalia and Berling river coal fields.

"Without any restraint whatever, they could, thereafter, forever, charge such rates of wharfrage as they pleased. Such a monopoly of a great seaport through which the great interior of Alaska must trade, will be a handicap to the growth of the territory and a right never before given by congress to any person or corporation."

Wickersham at Work on Congress.

Judge Wickersham is making every effort to convince members of both houses of congress that the bill ought to be defeated. To this end he had taken up the matter with the officials of the National Conservation League.

"I think," said Judge Wickersham today, "that this is about the smoothest gumshoe effort the Guggenheims have yet made in the direction of controlling the Alaska coal fields."

young women were in the habit of playing a dollar limit game, and sometimes raising the limit to the roof, in a gambling house run for women in West 48th street.

Mrs. Youcum, if the affidavit in the suit speaks the truth, was in the habit of playing poker in the place several times a week. Emden declares she often won and often lost and that on November 1st last while in a game with eight other women she bought \$50 worth of chips, giving her check in payment. The chips were always bought from Emden, who cashed them afterward.

Later it is declared Mrs. Youcum ordered the bank not to honor the check. When papers in the action were served on Mrs. Youcum she went to her lawyer and said it was a gambling debt that could not be recovered. About the same time, a bookmaker at the suggestions of friends of Mrs. Youcum, went to the lawyer with one of Emden's checks for \$152. This check had been stopped by Emden.

Mrs. Youcum, who dresses fashionably, is reputed to have a comfortable income.

FIVE NEW HOTELS IN NEW YORK IN 1910

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 7.—New York's reputation as a city of hotels was greatly enhanced in the year just closed, during which five big new hotels were opened and enough additions made to others to bring the total of added hotel accommodations up to that of the average city of 200,000 to 400,000.

The hotels opened during the year include the Great Northern, in West Fifty-seventh street, 450 rooms; the Ritz-Carlton, Madison avenue, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets, 425 rooms; the Martinique, Broad, Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, 625 rooms; the Rector, Broadway and Forty-fourth streets, 250 rooms; and the Hotel Bossert, Brooklyn, 250 rooms.

In addition to these, according to the Hotel Register, the beautiful Vanderbilt hotel, Park avenue, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets will be opened in 1911 and the \$13,000,000 McAlpin hotel in 1912. Three other hotels are now projected in New York, one of which, the Greely Square, will be the largest in the world, containing 1600 rooms.

"But we are no more than keeping pace with the growth of the city," in the opinion of R. A. Harrison, of the Hotel Register. "With all of our new hotels, there are frequent instances in which good accommodations are hard to find."

The advantage claimed by the North Dakota inventor of a new nail puller is that it will draw a nail without bending it, as do the old style nail pullers.

WOMAN SUED FOR GAMBLING DEBT

Dollar Limit Game for New York Women Is Revealed in Law Suit.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 7.—In a suit brought in the municipal court by Victor C. Emden against Mrs. Hattie Youcum, former wife of a rich man of the West, to recover \$80, the papers show that Mrs. Youcum and a number of other

PRINCESS NAPOLEON MAY OFFEND BELGIANS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

Brussels, Jan. 7.—The Belgian government has a rather difficult problem on its hands. Princess Victor Napoleon, who was Princess Clementine, is, it appears, not only settling in Brussels, but also seizing the excuse of her position as wife of a Napoleon to surround herself with French ladies-in-waiting recruited from the French nobility. It is feared that such a menage might easily cause offense to the French government, with whom Belgium is now very friendly, and though Prince Victor Napoleon is forbidden to issue manifestoes, or otherwise to further his cause on Belgian territory, it is nevertheless being pretty plainly hinted that it might be better if the pair would settle, say, in Italy, instead of Belgium.

OF 'CORSET' WAS MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION

(By the International News Service.)

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The delicate legal question of how much a change of corsets modifies the delineations of nature's architecture was put right up to Judge Uhler today and he met it like a man.

Mrs. Pearl MacArthur had been sued by E. Mushina for \$107.50, the price of a linen dress he made for her. "The dress never fitted and I can prove it," Mrs. MacArthur told the court. "I've got it here and I'll put it on if you like."

The judge's chambers served as a dressing room. When Mrs. MacArthur announced "ready," the court, plaintiff and attorneys entered. Triumphantly the fair defendant swept

about, pointing to wrinkles here and bulges there. It looked bad for Mushina until he was suddenly seized with an inspiration and said:

"But, your honor, she's got on a different corset than when I fitted her."

That left room for an argument and after Mrs. MacArthur had made some admissions, the case was settled by an allowance of \$30 to the tailor.

NAVIGATION COMPANY TAKES TO AIR CRAFT

(By the International News Service.)

Detroit, Jan. 7.—The Detroit and Cleveland Navigation company announces that it has obtained a five-passenger airplane for its aerial division, which it hopes to put into operation next summer. It is the invention of a Kalamazoo man. If it is successful it will be used for trips to Cleveland and Buffalo. No attempt will be made at the outset to maintain a regular schedule.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

FIVE WOMEN PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

Lisbon, Jan. 7.—A destructive fire broke out in a dwelling house at Mouriscoa near Tondella, where an invalid girl lay in bed helpless. Four lady friends courageously endeavored to effect her rescue. Roaring ladders to the upper windows they entered the blazing house, and presently were seen to return to the window bearing the girl in their arms.

Just, however, as it appeared that their gallant venture was to meet the reward of success in spite of the flames which developed the small company, the building collapsed bodily, and the five women, uttering piercing screams, were engulfed in what was literally a fiery furnace.

Operating much like a job printing press is a new rapid printing machine for photographs, fitted with an adjustable gauge to regulate the time exposure.

M-A Third Annual Clearance Sale

Our vice-president, S. H. Morgan, is now in the Eastern market to select goods for spring shipment, and it is necessary that we clear up all broken lines and all odds and ends. Below we list a portion—but a very small portion—of all the goods to be cleared out. Profit is not the question; if we can cash in on broken lines we are satisfied.

BUSINESS INCREASED ABOUT \$100,000 LAST YEAR

Our annual sales have reached such proportions that most everybody knows that we are now right up close to the top of the biggest Portland furniture houses. This is going some—quite a healthy infant. Does anyone think for a moment that within three years we could have passed most of the old-time furniture houses except our prices were materially less? To do the same business on the West Side would cost us \$25,000 more each year. So we can make a good margin of profit after so pricing our furniture that

EACH CUSTOMER SHARES THE \$25,000.00

Our annual savings in interest and taxes, because we built on the East Side, where business property is so very reasonable.



Big Reductions on Rockers During Clearance Sale

- \$28.00 No. 320, Golden Oak, black leather seat and back \$20
- \$22.50 No. 820, Golden Oak, Spanish leather seat and back \$17
- \$18.50 No. 310, Golden Oak, black leather seat and back \$14
- \$20.00 No. 4465, Golden Oak, black leather seat \$15
- \$18.50 No. 305, Golden Oak, black leather seat \$14
- \$16.00 No. 179, Waxed Oak, brown Spanish leather seat \$12
- \$18.00 No. 99, Waxed Oak, green Spanish leather seat, back \$14
- \$18.00 No. 99, Golden Oak, black leather seat and back \$14
- \$17.00 No. 306, Golden Oak, black leather seat \$13
- \$16.00 No. 288, Golden Oak, black leather seat and back \$12
- \$25.00 No. 2981, Fumed Oak, brown Span. leather seat, bk \$15
- \$22.50 No. 01, Early English, brown Span. leather seat, bk \$14
- \$20.00 No. 2951, Fumed Oak, brown Span. leather seat, bk \$12



This Handsome Birdseye Maple Bed \$20.00

\$52.00 Iron Bed with Genuine Mahogany Veneer, No. 221½ \$30

\$52.00 Iron Bed with quartered Golden Oak Veneer, No. 221½, at \$30

\$28.00 Iron Bed, paneled, chillless, continuous post, latest pattern, No. 925 \$18

\$18.50 Iron Beds, 2 inch continuous post, chillless, No. 963, large fillers \$16

\$17.50 Iron Bed, 2 inch continuous post, chillless, No. 987, large fillers \$12

\$28.50 Black Iron Bed, brass caps on posts, match weathered oak furniture \$18



This Solid Oak Dining Table \$14

- \$15.00 No. 413½, Early English, 5 leg, Solid Oak Table, 44 inch, 6 feet extension \$11
- \$20.00 No. 528 C, Early English Oak Table, pedestal, claw feet, 8 feet extension, 45 inch top \$15
- \$20.00 No. 528 C, Waxed Oak Table, pedestal, claw feet, 8 feet extension, 45 inch top \$15
- \$20.00 No. 529 C, pedestal, Early English, 6 feet extension, 45 inch top \$15
- \$20.00 No. 529 C, pedestal, waxed oak, 8 feet extension, 45 inch top \$15
- \$20.00 No. 529 C, pedestal, golden oak, 8 feet extension, 45 inch top \$15
- \$18.50 No. 121½, Early English Oak Table, pedestal, claw feet, 6 feet extension \$13

AXMINSTER RUGS \$17.00
These are 9x12, regularly priced at \$24.00 and \$25.00.

\$37.50 WILTONS AT \$25.00
Just have two of these left and wish to clear our rack.

MITER RUGS AT \$1.00
Made from carpet cuttings, about one yard square.

LACE CURTAINS 25c PAIR
We have 19 pair of white lace Curtains, 2¼ yards long, 28 inches wide to be closed out at 25c a pair.

- \$2.75 Ecru Lace Curtains, clearance price, at \$1.95
- \$3.50 Ecru Lace Curtains, clearance price, at \$2.75
- \$8.50 Ecru Lace Curtains, clearance price, at \$5.00

COUCH COVERS REDUCED ONE THIRD
Over 200 Couch Covers, regularly priced at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50. These are offered at two-thirds regular price during our January clearance sale.

NICKEL SHAVING OUTFIT
French plate Mirror, nickel-plated frame brackets, adjustable extension brackets; can be arranged in any position to get light where wanted. Low priced at \$6.00. \$4.50

REED WORK BASKETS ONE THIRD OFF
Just the thing for any woman; on stand at correct height for either sitting or standing, round shelf, neatly covered. Priced \$5.75 to \$10.00. Reduced 33 1-3 per cent.

ELECTRIC AND GAS READING LAMP

Metal base, colored art glass Shades, suitable for any home; regularly priced \$6.00 to \$20.00. Reduced 25 per cent.

CHILD'S MORRIS CHAIR
Quartered oak, fumed finish, genuine leather, loose cushions, well made and equally as good in proportion as a \$35.00 chair for grownups. Regular \$10.00, special \$7.50

CHILD'S ROCKER REDUCED 25%
Quartered oak, fumed or waxed, genuine leather, reduced as a Clearance special from \$7.00 to \$5.25

DANDY SMOKING CABINET
Just one Cellarette left, mission design, early English finish, quartered oak and well selected material, including glasses. Regular \$16.50, special price \$12.40

GOOD OLD SCOTCH MOTTOES
With mission oak frames, attractive for dens and living rooms. Regularly priced \$2.50 to \$3.00, special \$1.90 and \$2.25

CHILD'S SLEEPY HOLLOW ROCKER
Upholstered in imitation leather, both black and brown; large enough for boy or girl aged 10 and small enough for child of 4. Reduced from \$5.25 to \$4.00

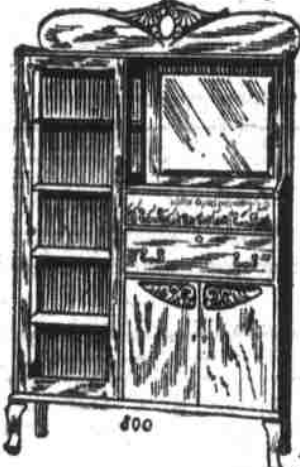
GENUINE HAND-PAINTED AUSTRIAN CHINA AND PARISIAN ART GLASS REDUCED 25%
We have a large assortment just imported. The lot includes practically all the pieces used in a regular dinner set, and many others.

POTTERY AND BRIC-A-BRAC REDUCED 25%
We have a good selection, including Jardiniere, Fern Dishes and Bric-a-brac, which we offer at three-fourths its regular value.



Some of Very Finest Buffets and China Closets Reduced 1/3

- \$22.50 Golden Oak Buffet, No. 916 \$17
- \$21.00 No. 300, Golden Oak China Closet \$16
- \$18.50 Ash Buffet, No. 817 \$14
- \$18.00 No. 125, Golden Oak China Closet \$14
- \$52.50 Select Quartered Oak Buffet, No. 3069, fumed finish \$35
- \$32.50 Early English Buffet, No. 28, quartered oak \$20
- \$80.00 Large Select Qtd. Oak Buffet, No. 274, fumed finish \$50
- \$36.00 Early Eng. China Closet, No. 251, leaded glass front \$27
- \$45.00 Early English China Closet, No. 616 \$32
- \$65.00 Beautiful Fumed Oak China Closet, quart'd. sawed \$40
- \$90.00 Large, Select Quarter Sawed China Closet, No. 3204 \$60



Extraordinary Reductions on Combination Bookcases

- No. 233, reduced from \$32.00 to \$20.00
- No. 219, reduced from \$35.00 to \$22.00
- No. 330, reduced from \$38.50 to \$25.00
- No. 246, reduced from \$40.00 to \$26.00

These are all made from select quarter-sawed oak, Early English finish.

Clearance Sale Settees

- \$22.50 Early English Quartered Oak Settee, brown Spanish leather seat and back \$15
- \$22.50 Early English Quartered Oak Settee, brown Spanish leather seat, slatted back \$15
- \$16.50 Early English Quartered Oak Settee, brown Spanish leather seat and back \$12
- \$21.00 Waxed Oak, quarter-sawed Settees, green Spanish leather back and seat \$14
- \$16.50 Waxed Oak, quarter-sawed Settee, green Spanish leather seat, slatted back \$12
- \$24.00 No. 904, Early Eng. Chair, brown Span. leather seat \$15
- \$17.50 No. 908, Early Eng. Chair, brown, Span. leather seat \$12
- \$24.00 No. 806, Fumed Oak High Back Chair, brown Spanish leather seat and back \$14



Some Extra Bargains in Chairs by the Set

- \$17.00 Sets of Early English, No. 156 \$13
- \$37.50 Sets of Early Eng., No. 808, box seat, Span. leather \$26
- \$40.00 Set of Early Eng., No. 1098, box seat, Span. leather \$28
- \$60.00 Set of Early English, No. 732, box seat, rush seat \$40
- \$72.50 Set of Golden Oak, No. 149, box seat, Spanish leather \$50

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