

ALONG FABLED YUKON RIVER

Rumors of New Gold Finds Sweep Through 'Rush' Camp

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(Fairbanks News-Miner Staffer)

Fishwheel, Alaska, Oct. 26 (AP)—Rumors that more nuggets had been found along the banks of the fabled Yukon river swept periodically through this booming gold rush camp today. But attempts to trace the finds met with a cagey silence.

Prospectors eyed one another suspiciously, unwilling to talk about their luck in panning the stream until they have filed their claims.

Although the temperature is 15 below and still falling, many of the early arrivals have begun panning for the precious yellow stuff all men dream about.

From their results we may know soon whether this gold rush is destined to be remembered along with the other famous ones of Alaska history. That is the opinion held by veteran gold seekers who impatiently await each dawn to renew their hunt for the yellow metal amid the Yukon sands.

Feverish activity up and down the river from last week's discovery site 20 miles southeast of Fort Yukon heightened its tempo as a report trickled through Fishwheel's mushrooming tent city.

The word was that a three-eighth inch nugget had been found.

The nugget was said to have been accidentally pulled up in a miner's bucket from the bottom of a water hole on the south bank of the river one-quarter of a mile from the original strike.

Earl Hurst, veteran Alaska prospector, admitted he saw the nugget, which he described as "good coarse gold."

A trapper from Eagle, Charlie Biederman, also said he examined nuggets panned half a mile upstream from Discovery Island, on which Clifton Carroll first found pea-size nuggets as he dismantled his water-propelled fishwheel.

In neither case was it possible to learn accurately who made the later discoveries.

With aircraft streaming in from Fairbanks and Fort Yukon, scores of new prospectors arrived daily—lured to the rim of the Arctic by the age-old hunt for gold.

A second landing field was established about five miles upstream from Discovery Island. Bush Pilot Jim Magoffin paced it off and dubbed it "Yukon Ice" airport.

The influx of gold seekers has doubled this mining camp's population from last Saturday night's 75. More than 60 plane trips into the area from Fairbanks were logged Monday, compared to 50 Sunday and 20 Saturday.

Even heavier aerial traffic is expected with two landing strips available. Heretofore, small aircraft bearing bearded prospectors had only a Discovery Island sandbar on which to put down.

It is easy to separate the professional from the amateurs. Oldtimers—veterans of strikes at Chandalar, Pedro, Fairbanks and Firth River—go methodically about the business of setting up camp, storing grub and kindling their stoves.

Then they find "color" in the river mud with a few swishes of their battered pans. Finally they begin staking out their claims. Color consists of minute gold flakes without commercial value.

Newcomers usually are over-equipped and are garbed in Arctic clothing with the unmistakable look of recent acquaintance with store shelves.

They invariably dash toward the first group of men they sight, ask directions and then plunge off across the ice toward the tall ends of Fishwheel town—either up or downstream—in a ceaseless search for unclaimed ground which may contain gold.

Monday night I saw men—some with sleeping bags too short for them, some with par-

kas, some with overcoats, some with pitifully inadequate clothing—sleeping in tents and in the open as the temperatures dropped to 15 below zero.

Things are easier for the veterans who brought stoves and proper bedding.

Many others are seeking more permanent shelter at Fort Yukon, to which the "taxi" fee by air from the strike scene is \$10 per trip.

Youths Fail in Crime Attempt

Chicago, Oct. 26 (AP)—Four knife-wielding high school girls tried their hands at kidnaping and car theft yesterday but ended up in the juvenile home.

They told Capt. Walter Healy that they were playing hookey from school and wanted an automobile ride because "it was such a nice day."

Mrs. Dorothy Hurley, 41, wife of a packing company executive, told Healy the girls forced their way into her car in front of her southside home. She said one of the girls pressed "something sharp" against her side and instructed her to drive west.

About five miles away, she said, the girls showed her a knife with a three-inch blade and ordered her out of the car. Mrs. Hurley snatched the keys from the car and ran, screaming for help.

The girls also ran into an alley but were seized by police. Police withheld names of the girls because of their ages, but they said one is 16 years old, the others 15.

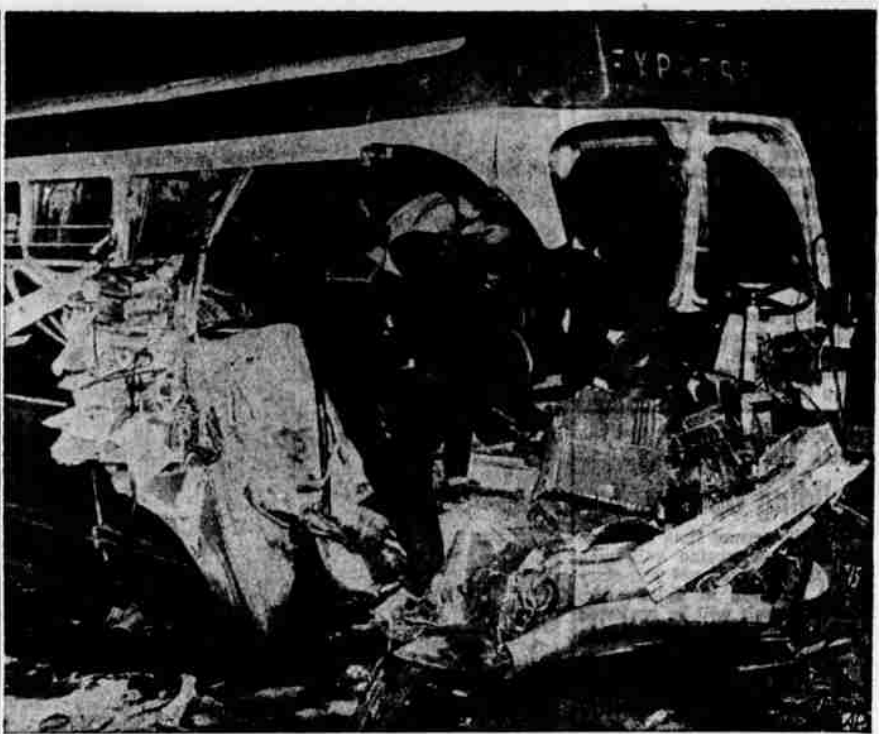
Sheridan Youngsters Will Parade Monday

Sheridan—A parade and treats for children at the American Legion hall will be offered as a Halloween party October 31. The affair is under the joint sponsorship of the American Legion auxiliary and the park recreation committee.

The parade, weather permitted, will start at 7:30 o'clock and refreshments will follow.

The parade will have four sections with cash prizes for the winners of each. The first section will be for pre-school children, second for the primary pupils of the first three grades, the third for intermediates in the fourth to sixth grades and the fourth for the upper grade pupils.

Pleasantdale—Mrs. Milton Murphy entertained eleven members of the Aloha Needle club at the Pleasantdale community hall. Their own fancywork was pastime diversion. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the same place with Mrs. Clarence Launer as hostess.



Bus-Truck Crash—A doctor, nurse and rescue workers give first aid to a victim wedged in the wreckage of a Greyhound bus near Paoli, Pa., after the bus and a truck loaded with 33,000 pounds of sheet steel collided on the Lincoln highway. A sailor was killed and 31 others were injured, including several sailors returning to their base in Philadelphia. State police said the bus crashed into the rear of the truck-trailer. (AP Wirephoto)

Aurora Missionary Offering Is Lifted

Aurora—The Ladies Missionary society of Christ Lutheran church, Aurora, met in the church parlors for its annual thanksgiving service. Twenty-three members and two visitors attended. The scripture lesson and devotions were led by Mrs. John Schwabauer, with "Giving Is Living" as the topic. Plans were made to collect clothing and various other supplies at the next meeting, to be sent to the Martin Luther Home at Sterling, Nebr., as a Christmas gift.

Chairmen of the different departments were urged to attend a fall rally at Peace Lutheran church in Portland, October 28, in a letter from Mrs. E. Rostin, read by the secretary. The thanksgiving part of the meeting was conducted by Mrs. L. J. Schwabauer, acting in the absence of Mrs. H. Mau, thanksgiving chairman for the year.

The program included hymns by the members, songs and a playlet. Thankoffering boxes were collected, followed by refreshments. Serving were Mrs. Ben Ingalls and Mrs. Norman Hurst.

Lebanon Delegates Named for Conference

Lebanon—Three Lebanon delegates will attend the annual labor-management safety conference in North Bend Oct. 27-28 for the pulp and paper industries. Representing the Lebanon plant of Crown Zellerbach will be George Galloway, resident manager; Hugh Croner, safety superintendent, and John Simi, representing the local 214 of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

Stewart Family Has Reunion Gates Home

Gates—A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stewart, the first time the family had all been together for seven years. Those present were the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stewart and three children, Mr. and Mrs. William Athey and family, all of Gates; Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKean and three daughters of O'Neal, Calif.; Mrs. Loretta Fancher of Renton, Wash. and Hugh Fancher and two sons of Issaquah, Wash. Mrs. McKean and daughters, Mrs. Fancher and Mrs. Athey, accompanied Fancher to Washington for a visit.

Kiwanis Guests Grounded by Fog

The Salem Kiwanis club presented its yearly "ladies night" dinner party at the Marion Tuesday night with a score or more guests from Olympia, Wash., in attendance. Victoria, B.C., Kiwanians did not appear as scheduled, the party having been fog bound.

Governor Arthur B. Langley of Washington, a member of the Olympia Kiwanis club, was represented by Harold Van Eaton. The special guest list included a number of top Kiwanis officials of the state and presidents of other Salem service clubs.

T. Harold Tomlinson, of Salem, lieutenant governor for district No. 14 presided as toastmaster.

Entertainment was provided by a group of Willamette university students.

This Woman Paid to Gain Weight—Then to Lose It

New York (AP)—Gaining weight with many women is a matter of self-indulgence—and losing it is a matter of self-torture. But with Fay Suskind, putting on pounds and then taking them off is a matter of business. She is paid to do it.

Miss Suskind, a pretty, dark-eyed girl with a fine background and a splendid foreground, has one of the oddest jobs in an odd civilization. She is a human guinea pig for the mechanical massage industry.

"It is my job to test the reducing equipment," she said as we sat in the anteroom of one of the MacLevy slenderizing salons where she acts also as gym supervisor.

"Three or four times a year I put on as much weight as I can, and then take it off with massage rollers."

"We have machines for every place you want to reduce—calves, hips, arms, back, waist or thighs. I test each machine by taking weight off myself."

She keeps an elaborate chart during the whole process—showing the changes in her own measurements as she builds her weight up, then takes it off.

We went into the gym, which was full of strange instruments and resembled a medieval torture chamber. There were two fat lady customers present. One was bent over a machine that kept thumping her in the stomach mildly with a series of wooden rollers.

The second fat lady was harnessed in a gadget that kept rolling several tightly-clamped elastic wire springs up and down her thighs.

"Does it tickle?" I asked. "No, no, indeed," she said. "It feels rather good."

I took her word for it. Both plump ladies looked with a sigh of envy at shapely Miss Suskind, whose weight is now in the downward cycle. She explained that the most she had ever got her weight up to was 126 pounds, but that now she was down to 108—and still losing.

"I can put on as much as 12 pounds in four weeks by eating candy and starchy things like spaghetti, noodles and mashed potatoes," she said. "When I'm gaining I always go to bed with

a full stomach and get lots of sleep."

This system is harder on her husband than it is on her. "He really doesn't like me to gain—he wants me to stay slim," she smiled. "But he knows it's my job."

"And he doesn't suffer from it. He's underweight himself. He gets everything fattening to eat and has beer at every meal—and still he doesn't put on an ounce."

One aspect of Fay's job might make it attractive to many women. She finds it necessary to maintain two complete wardrobes—one for the upsurge, one for the downbeat.

"The advantage of mechanical massage," she said, "is that it enables women to remove fat from any part of the body they desire. It gives them control over their physical contours."

The trouble with having to test different reducing machines, however, is that sometimes Fay may be required to slim her calves to Betty Grable size while leaving her hips in a Venus De Milo proportion.

"But this is only temporary," she said. "As soon as I have completed the test, they let me get back into shape all over."

All the patrons of slenderizing salons today aren't merely anxious to melt away blubber. "In case it interests you," she said, "we can build up the bust, too. Many women now are interested in that."

N. Y. Milk Strike Averted
New York, Oct. 26 (AP)—Stoppage of milk deliveries to 11,000,000 consumers in the metropolitan area was averted early today by tentative settlement of a threatened strike of 15,000 milk drivers and handlers. The settlement—reached after 60 hours of almost continuous negotiations and mediation—requires ratification by five locals of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Rat-Proof Buildings Sought in Portland

Portland, Oct. 26 (AP)—A new ordinance was being drafted here today to rid the city of rats.

City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson estimated half a million of the creatures could be denied food and shelter if buildings were rat-proofed. The presumption is the rodents would starve or go elsewhere.

The code would cover most of the warehouses, docks, food stores and commercial buildings. Major alterations would be required in some instances.

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