Alaska Mines Show Activity

Readjustment of Wages Brings Close Approach to Normalcy in Pits.

LURE OF THE HILLS DRAWS

People Leave Populous Centers to Combine Pleasure Trip With Prospecting-Complexion of Mining Has Changed.

Anchorage, Alaska. - Readjustment of wages, bringing a close approach to normalcy as applied to mining, has resulted in a return of the pendulum toward greater mining activity than has been experienced in the history of Alaska since the boom days.

While the Alaska railroad was building it was impossible to obtain help for mining operations, owing to the good wages in railroad construction.

Even now there is a general shortage of miners throughout the territory, and every man of experience who cares to work is employed. Mining takes on an entirely different complexion than a few years ago; attention is being given to gaining access to known placer deposits suitable for hydraulics and dredges, and aside from this phase of the placer situation there is little doing save where oldtimers have a little piece of ground from which they may sluice out a grubstake for the winter, and who do not care to take out a fortune.

Mine Much Quartz.

The other phase of the renaissance in mining is confined to quartz, and judging by the encouraging discoveries, the apparent permanency of ore bodies and ability to mine economically, the outlook for quartz is ex-

Additional prospecting in the Willow Creek district has disclosed a more extended area, and as rapidly as trails and roadways are extended the prospector is bringing commercial properties into being.

So great has become the lure of the hills that almost all the populous centers along the railroad are under- Court Procedure Brings Out Remarkgoing a midsummer quietude, everyone who has a grubstake and many engaged in other lines of business taking advantage of the ideal condition in the hills to combine a pleasure trip with prospecting.

"How much does it go to the pan?" has been supplanted by "What does it run to the ton?" and "How is the crop man army, whose varied career has

there is no excitement, as these things court procedure. are becoming every-day occurrences.

ings is expected to have a tremendous effect upon all classes of mining, and

Pigeon Broods Nest of Rats in Mother's Absence

Glen Ridge, N. J.-In view of the well-known enmity between pigeons and rats, Herbert T. Darlington, a New York broker living in Summit avenue here. was amazed to find a pigeon sitting on a nest of young rats on the first floor of his garage.

Darlington had been missing squabs for some time and had supposed they were killed by rats. He keeps a loft of pigeons on the second floor of the garage. Early in the day he saw a large rat, apparently a mother rat, going into the garage. He

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Then he found the pigeon on the nest, which also contained one empty pigeon egg. The little rats were asleep.

reports are made known,

"Wild Catters" Stay Out. Alaska is no place for the wild catter, for the communities are arrayed against spurious promotions, and all efforts to float such enterprises are balked by the public and press.

As an illustration of how the Alaskans are progressing, a group of business men have acquired a number of oll leases in the Anchorage field and hold them subject to the advent of capital in sufficient volume to drill one or more complete wells, the property being turned over on a low royalty basis, all emolument being subject to striking oil.

Anchorage recently jointly financed a cannery plant by escrowing all subscriptions until sufficient capital was raised. The cannery was launched and this season is operating successfully.

It is the policy of Alaskan capital to pool with outside capital on all legitimate enterprises and in this manner the public, as well as legitimate developers, are protected against buccaneers of finance,

Stray Dog Pays for Meal.

Columbia, Pa.-A stray dog was given a good meal at a restaurant here by Ralph Johnson, a clerk. The dog followed Johnson home late at night. When a highwayman held up the present financial state of Russia Johnson, choking him, the dog attacked the bandit, who fled.

Fishes Up Diamond He Lost Four Years Ago

Valentine Fernhardt of Bayonne lost a \$600 diamond ring in the shallow waters of the Shrewsbury river at Water Witch, N. J., four years ago. He searched the river bed for weeks, but the ring was not recovered.

The other day he went for a launch ride on the Shrewsbury. Just as he passed the spot where he had lost the ring a friend dropped a hammer into the water. The boat was stopped. Bernhardt put his hand into the water and found the ring beside the hammer.

RUSS CANCEL ENGINE ORDER

Financial State of Government Makes Paying for 1,000 Locomotives Impossible.

Stockholm,-After having ordered 1,000 locomotives from an engineering firm here and having received 300 of them, the Russian government has intimated that it is now unable to pay. When the contract was made it was agreed that the engines were to be paid for as they were delivered, and the manufacturers obtained a guaranty for their money.

It is now considered probable that the soviet government will cancel the balance of the order. It is believed and the failure of the Genea and The Hague conferences is responsible.

German Soldier 'Gold Brick' King

Sebeste Outdoes Rivals in United States Army and Is Sentenced to Two Years.

SWINDLES MANY AND VARIED

able Tale of "Gold-bricking" Activities of Karl Sebeste-Even Joined Police Force.

Berlin,-Wildest tales of "goldbrickers" in the American army are surpassed by the story of Karl Seman army, whose varied career has just landed him in prison for two Even when a big cleanup comes in years. His story came out during the

Sebeste, who is twenty-five years Alaska at present needs more in- old, was a clerk in a hat factory before terest in quartz mining, especially the war and upon being discharged from outside capital, it is stated, for entered the army, found he didn't care local capital is carrying the peak of for that sort of thing and "golddevelopment and the lack of larger bricked" into being discharged as physcapital is retarding rapid development. Ically unfit for service. He then drift-Geological survey engineers are now ed into the postal service and stole making reconnoissances along the railroad belt and the result of their find- was sentenced to five months in prison. Promotes Himself.

Upon his discharge the war was getting hotter and he was again drafted and in his first engagement at the front was buried under a wall of earth that caved in from shell fire. Having recuperated he was sent to the ill health and was sent to the German fourth city in America. hospital in Coblenz. Emerging he promoted himself to the rank of nonself. While in the hospital he had already laid claim to having been a student of theology and with the perwith great success,

Pleasant as the hospital was he was finally sent back to his outfit, but managed to escape again in Germany, minute bird shot. It is said these where he became the religious instructor in a camp at Spandau. Again he was successful, but when he tried to oust the chaplain and have himself stop any mob. appointed his sinecure ended again and once more he was sent back to his unit in France. This time the armistice came and, having been duly dis-

came the revolution and he became self-styled doctor of law and arrived in Berlin with many decorations and the uniform of an officer, where he was welcomed by the Garde Cavallere, Schuetzen division, and assigned as a court officer to the Reichs criminal department of the organization. He tried several tricks on the men who were being caught and himself was sentenced to six months in prison for petty crimes.

Borrows Huge Sums.

Discharged again, Sebeste borrowed huge sums of money on the pretense of being a former officer and swindled a widow of an officer out of 20,000 marks, and stole her papers and those of her brother-in-law, who was reported missing during the war. With these credentials he secured money as a discharged officer and went to work for barristers, who were obliged to discharge him for giving away secrets

Later he was imprisoned again, but emerged triumphantly and succeeded in joining the Berlin police, where his swindles brought him his latest sen-

POLICE USE PAPER BULLETS

Tear Gas Bombs Also Part of the Equipment of the Law Enforcing Powers of Detroit,

Detroit, Mich.-Tear gas bombs and paper bullets are now part of the front again, but proceeded to develop regular equipment of the police in the

Police Commissioner Inches felt that machine guns were needed by Detroit commissioned officer and conferred a to help in dispersing mobs. So the city decoration of the Iron Cross upon him- bought a number of sub-machine guns, to shoot 1,500 bullets a minute, but the commissioner was afflicted with a kind heart and couldn't bear the thought of mission of the chaplain of the hospital | the steel jacketed bullets mowing men conducted the divine services there down just because they happened to be disorderly.

Dr. Inches suggested that paper bullets be made, containing a charge of paper bullets will not cripple for life or kill any person, no matter at what close range they are fired, but will

The bullets were found to have just about the necessary speed and hardness to get under a man's skin and make him want to hunt a doctor in charged, he tried the stage. Then the quickest possible time.

AUTOS HIT: BABY SLEEPS ON

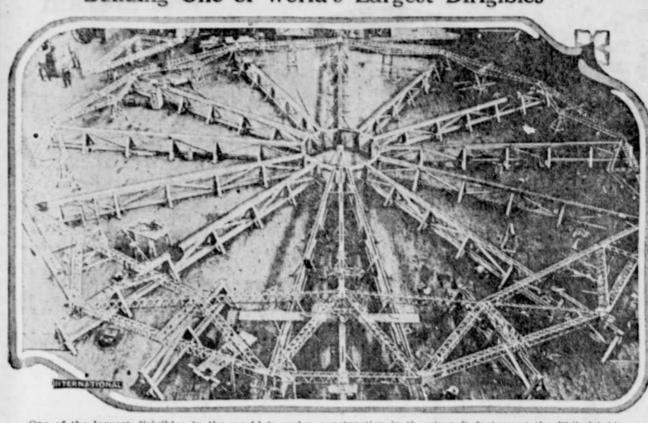
Child in Car Not Awakened by Serious Collision in New York State.

Tarrytown, N. Y .- A six-months-old baby in an automobile slept on after the car had collided with another and thrown out John Ryan of 67 Marquette avenue, Yonkers, who was rushed to the Grasslands hospital dying of a

fractured skull. The accident was at Elmsford, when Mr. and Mrs. Percy McElreath of Rockaway, N. J., were on their way to catch a ferry at Tarrytown. Ryan's car shot across in front of them and turned over as it was struck. Ryan was the only one burt.

New Paper in Worcester. Worcester, Mass.-Worcester is to have a new Sunday newspaper. The first Issue of the Sunday Times will be published September 1. It will be sold for 5 cents. J. F. Estes, for many years managing editor of the

Building One of World's Largest Dirigibles



One of the largest dirigibles in the world is under construction in the aircraft factory at the Philadelphia navy yard. Sections of the huge craft are shipped to Lakehurst, N. J., to be assembled in the hangar built to house the ZR-2, which descended in flames in England a year ago. More than a billion nuts and several million rivets will be used during the construction of the giant dirigible. The photograph shows a section of the airship being assembled

Smock Marriage an Old Custom

monies Were Common in Early Colonial Times.

Sometimes She Wore Only a Sheet, but Nobody Objected-Embarrassment Often Relieved by Happy Man Buying Trousseau.

Bangor, Me.-A Bangor lawyer attending court in the ancient town of Wiscasset, Lincoln county, spent a rainy afternoon rummaging through the colonial records of the place, and in the course of his reading came across the official registration of a to Hannah Thomas of Meduncook. "smock marriage." Not knowing what a "smock marriage" was, he looked further and got some light on a custom that prevailed in England and in some of the colonies as well in the Eighteenth century.

in a white chemise or sheet. The reason for it was the belief that if a neither a minister or a magistrate, do debt he could be held liable for what of Almighty God & before these witshe owed if he received with her any nesses that may sign this instrument, of her property; and also that if a engage & do take each other as man woman married a man who was in debt and wife, according to the laws of erty to satisfy their claims if he had of our capacities & as though we were received nothing from her at marriage. married by a magistrate or minister. In England, says an antiquarian, there In witness whereof we have hereunto was at least one case where a bride set our bands; was in puris naturalibus while the ceremony was being performed in the great church at Birmingham. The minister at first refused to perform the ceremony, but he could find noth- as were naked and gave her clothes ing in the rubric to justify a refusal, so to put on-Wm. E. Frost, Samuel Conhe married the pair.

Use Various Expedients.

To carry out the law fully as the people understood it the ceremony should always have been performed as it was in the Birmingham case, but various expedients were contrived to get around it. Sometimes the bride stood in a closet, and put her hand through a hole in the door; sometimes she stood behind a cloth screen and put her hand out at one side; Hannah Thomas were married in the again, she would wind about her a white sheet furnished by the bridegroom; sometimes she stood in her chemise, or "smock." Eventually, in Essex county, immodesty and embar- 1776." rassment were avoided by the groom furnishing all the clothes worn by the bride, retaining title to the same in himself. This he did in the presence of witnesses, that he might be able to prove the fact in the event that he was sued for any debts she might have contracted.

A marriage of this kind was performed in Bradford in 1773, the following being a true copy of the rec SNAKE AS SUNSHADE HANDLE

A "Foxy" Bridegroom. "Bradford, Dec. ye 24, 1773.

"This may certifie whomsoever it may concerne that James Balley of Bradford who was married to the Mary the wife of Thomas Stickney & and parrots. Margaret the wife of Caleb Burbank People also are getting accustomed all of Bradford were witnesses that to the woman with a young white fox the clothes she then had on were of on a string, another with three cats his providing and bestowing upon her, and the chimpanzee that rides in a "WILLIAM BALCH, minister of ye motorcar.

Lincoln, and York, or in the territory sunshade.

Records Show That Such Cere- that now is so known. One such marriage is reported in the archives of Americans now visiting this country," the Town of Friendship, Knox County, originally known as Meduncook (signifying Sandy Harbor). It is also one of the few instances in Maine history where advantage was taken of FREED GROOM OF WIFE'S DEBT the provision of the law that in a community where there resided neith- generation, er minister nor magistrate a man and woman who appeared before witnesses, read the marriage service to each other and signed a marriage agreement became lawfully wedded. Married Themselves.

> Such a marriage was performed in 1772, and the record on the town books reads:

"Certificate-This may certify all whom it concerns that W. Elwell of Meduncook hath been duly published "(SI'd) SEDATE WADSWORTH. "clerk Meduncook April ye 18th 1772."

"Meduncook, May 12th, 1772.-Whereas the subscribers, Wm. Elwell and Hannah Thomas, being lawfully index, which already constitutes a Smock marriages were weddings published & desirous of entering into record of more than 2,000,000 baptisms, where the bride appeared dressed only the holy state of Marriage & being confined in a place where there is man married a woman who was in by these presents & in the presence s creditors could not take her prop- God and man, according to the best

"WILLIAM ELWELL "HANNAH THOMAS, her X mark."

"Signed in the presence of we, the subscribers, & that the man took her, don, Cornelius Morton, Mary Condon her X mark, Otis Pinkham, Mercy W. Larry her X mark.

"N. B .- Wm. Elwell & Hannah Thomas took the common prayer book after they had signed the above instrument & read the church ceremony of marriage to each other in serious manner before the witnesses to the above instrument before me-Wm. Frost.

"The aforesaid William Elwell & above manner, May 12th, 1772-their first child, named Hannah, was born June ye 21st, 1773; their second, a son, named Elias, born April ye 5th,

There is nothing to show that the practice of smock marriage outlived garden, which is kept in excellent the Revolution. In Maine, up to 1852, a husband was liable for debts of his wife contracted before marriage, and no such subterfuge as the smock marriage could relieve him, considering the glory of the bridal finery of today.

Dog Is Rapidly Being Displaced in England as a Pet by Freak Rivals.

London, England.-The place long widow Mary Bacon November 22 last held by the dog as a family pet and past by me ye subscriber then de- street companion threatens to be clared that he took the said person usurped by the monkey and other without anything of estate and that exotic creatures. Women are seen Lydia the wife of Eliazer Burbank & carrying marmosets, mongooses, foxes,

But the most startling innovation It is noted by the same writer that in family pets was observed at a in all cases of smock marriages that lawn party where a guest carried what have come to his knowledge the brides appeared to be a sunshade with a have been widows. It is thought that highly decorative handle. Closer induring the reign of George III there spection revealed the "handle" to be were many smock marriages in Maine, a beautifully marked snake, perfectly then part of the Province of Massa- motionless and carelessly twined over chusetts Bay Chiefly in the Counties of its fair owner's arm and around her

PEDIGREE HUNT IN BRITAIN

American Visitors Are Eager as Natives to Know About Their Ancestors.

London.-"Among the keenest inpuirles into their pedigrees-and genealogy never before was as popular as it is at this moment-are many of the says Secretary Fothergill of the Soclety of Genealogists.

"The day of 'faked' pedigrees is past. What the modern American is seeking is the truth about his forebears, traced backward generation by

"They are particularly interested in the new field for genealogical research that has recently been opened up, the deposition books of the old courts. This has not yet been properly exploited, for in many instances the records of the ecclesiastical and common law courts and the court of chancery are not yet open to public inspection.

"The fascination of these books is that they are not mere lists of names and dates. The very words spoken by the parties and the witnesses to these old disputes are preserved, so that the authentic voice of one's ancestors may be heard down the centuries."

The main work of the society is the preparation of the huge consolidated marriages and deaths, with other blographical details in many cases.

WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE

When Carlo Got Through Laughing the Deputy Game Warden Decided Not to Arrest Him.

San Quentin, Cal.—Carlo Ballesteri was fishing on the beach here. A man came up and watched him a while. Sgid the man:

"I'm a deputy fish warden. I think I'll put you in jail for 30 days for fishing with a net, which is against the law.

"Ha, ha!" said Carlo, or words to that effect.

"Thirty days in jail is nothing to laugh at," said the man. "Ain't I the bird that knows it?" in-

quired Carlo. "I'm doing a life stretch at San Quentin prison and am fishing by special permission." "O!" said the fish warden, and con-

tented himself with confiscating the

Aged Woman Works Garden. Nutdrell, O .- Mrs. William Russell,

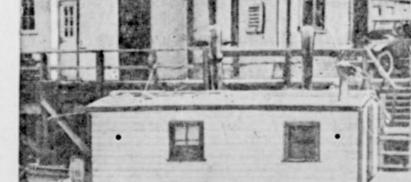
who is eighty-seven years of age, and lives in the west end of the town, has n garden consisting of half an acre of land which is filled with vegetables, such as potatoes, corn, beets, carrots, beans and many kinds of flowers. This shape, is worked solely by Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Russell rises at 4 o'clock every morning and works in her garden most of each day.

Pennsylvania Has Soft Coal Reserves to Last 290 Years

Harrisburg. - Pennsylvania's bituminous coal fields contain 43,830,860,000 short tons of recoverable coal, enough to meet the demands of the next 290 years at the present rate of consumption, the state department of internal affairs announced in making public the results of a recent survey of the bureau of topographic and geological survey.

The supply available is less than previous estimates, which had placed the amount recoverable at at least 75,000,000,000 short tons.

The survey fixes the orginal bituminous deposits at 75,250,-055,000 tons, of which 5,519,-775,000 have been mined. Waste and unrecoverable coal reduces the amount available to the total estimated.



Floating Bar Found in the Potomac

Looks like a houseboat, but looks are decelving, for when the revenue men swooped down upon this innocent-looking craft in the Potomac near Wash. Telegram, is the owner of the new ington they found it was really a floating bar. The owner was absent, and paper and will be its editor and pubremained absent.