

ALASKA WANTS MORE SETTLERS

Miners, Farmers and Laborers
Needed in the Northwest.

COPPER CAMPS OPEN IN JULY

Amazing Alaska has just reappeared in the limelight, showing another new phase. While folks here at home are howling that the riches of the northern territory should be kept for the people, Alaska is crying that the people do not want the riches badly enough to go there after them and that as a result the territory is beginning its summer exceedingly short handed. There are literally not even enough people to do the work in hand, let alone to develop the new opportunities.

The first complaint came from Fairbanks a few weeks ago. Press dispatches said that a large percentage of the miners in the camp had deserted to join the stampede to the new Iditarod and Innoko gold diggings and more were going as soon as the ice went out of the rivers. A labor famine was threatened, and it still seems likely that the estimated \$9,000,000 of gold from the spring clean-up will be heavily cut next year for lack of men to take it out. Other established camps report the same difficulty in getting labor, and the agencies of the Pacific coast are being appealed to.

Ore Shipments Soon.

From the railroads also there is a big demand for men. The Copper River and Northwestern especially is try-

ing to increase its force, as it is rushing construction so as to reach the mouth of the Chitina river by July 1. This is the gateway to the copper country, and a few weeks thereafter the rails will be in the heart of this undeveloped and little prospected region.

By October the road is expected to reach the Bonanza mine, and a large force will be at work on the property all summer so that ore shipments can begin as soon as the rails reach the bins. In the meantime several of the thirty or forty properties along the line of the railroad are going to begin large development. All this takes skilled men, and apparently they are not to be had. Thus a new problem takes the place of the old. Heretofore development has been impossible because of the tremendous cost of getting supplies into a wilderness without roads of any sort. Experts agree that this is one of the most promising copper regions in the world, and it is unique in that from being almost inaccessible it will suddenly this summer have complete rail connections with tidewater and the steamer routes.

Farmers Badly Needed.

What Alaska asks for, therefore, even more than miners and laborers, are prospectors who will cover her new ground and give reasons for further development.

This year, too, Alaska is crying for farmers. All along the line of the railroad up the Chitina valley there is farming land which the agricultural department has reported favorably on, and in view of the large number of miners to be fed there promises to be a good local market for everything that can be raised. It is a pioneering country, of course, and new settlers will have to face pioneer conditions, but the success of farming and the bonanza rewards to be won in it when there are local markets has been well proved in the great Tanana valley of the interior and other sections.

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Few of the millions of coffee drinkers in this country have anything but a hazy idea as to the real source of coffee. In a general, vague way the words "Mocha" and "Java" are mixed into the coffee information at hand, principally because these are found upon the battered tin canisters in the nearest grocery store.

Actually not 10 per cent of the coffee consumed in this country ever saw Arabia, where Mocha coffee comes from, or Java. By far the greater number of persons never tasted either. The bulk of coffee comes from the state of Sao Paulo, in Brazil, and the imports from that source alone supply nearly nine-tenths of the 1,900,000,000 pounds that we drink each year. Sao Paulo is little, but one vast coffee garden throughout its 174,588 square miles of territory, and, while there are many other industries, coffee growing is the chief and the true source of the wealth of the people.

Nearly all the billion and a half pounds of coffee grown in Brazil is shipped from the seacoast city of Santos, where are great docks at which lie the vessels of the world. Other countries grow coffee, to be sure, but not one in such vast quantities as does Brazil. So greatly has the Brazilian coffee grown in favor that the plant is now being taken abroad and cultivated. Now the department of agriculture is beginning to pay attention to the manner in which substitutes for good Brazilian coffee are being foisted on the American people under the false names of Mocha and Java.

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