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Economic Determinism. An Atlanta man tells of this conversation between two darky bucks of what town: "Bill, I heahs dat yo' was courtin' dat Botts gal down my way." "Sho' I was. An' I was in love with dat gal, too; only I heahs dat she ain't got a cent. So I says to myself: 'Bill, be a man.' An' I was a man, Henry; an' now I passes her by with silent contempt!"

Very Growsome. Col. E. M. House, discussing his peace mission in Europe, said: "The French soldiers, by the way, are called pollets—whiskers, as we might say. In the trenches, you see, the gay French soldiers all grow beards. To see a slender lad of 23 or 24 with enormous black beard covering his chest—well, it's like the story: 'Willie,' said an etymology teacher, 'give me a sentence with the word 'growsome' in it.' 'The soldier,' Willie answered, 'stopped shaving and grew some whiskers.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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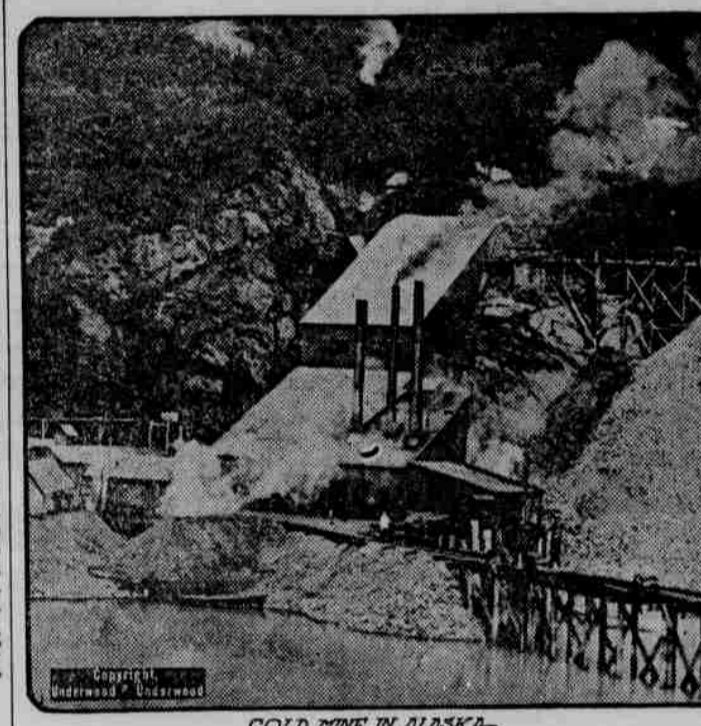


WHEAT FIELDS IN TANANA VALLEY

SEASON'S experiences with a locating crew on the first government railroad in the interior of Alaska would fill a book. How we ran down a monster black bear in mid-stream with a river steamer; the everyday trials in our work; the wading and actual swimming of swamps, and the constant attendance of the "little singer," the Alaska mosquito; methods of bathing; floods on the Tanana river—these are only a few of the occurrences that befell one of eleven engineering parties on this herculean government project, writes George Mayo, assistant United States engineer.

The first 400 miles of railroad, the part only of the great system that now is to be a reality, has its initial point at Seward, a thriving town on the southern coast of Kenai peninsula; follows the now inactive Alaska Northern railroad around Turnigan and Knik arms, and then follows the Susitna and Chulitna rivers to Broad pass, from where the projected railroad runs down the Nenana river to its junction with the Tanana, and up this river to Fairbanks.

In order to reach the Fairbanks end of the line, where our work lay, we took a coast steamer from Seattle to Skagway on June 3; over the White



GOLD MINE IN ALASKA

pass and Yukon railroad to White Horse, and from there by river steamer down the Yukon river and up the Tanana river to Fairbanks.

As the days went by the more wonderful grew the scenery. At times we would pass through a channel so narrow that it seemed as if we were traversing a great deep and green river, and the echoes from the screw were thrown back from both shores. The shores were precipitous walls, spruce clad and tilting down from snow-capped summits. Little waterfalls trickled down every slope.

We touched at Ketchikan and Wrangell, and at Juneau spent a part of a very pleasant afternoon. Skagway, the breasting place for many '97 and '98 pioneers who crossed the Chilkoot and White passes, and which lies at the extreme end of Lynn canal, a narrow channel with many small glaciers on its shores, is almost deserted.

Leaving Skagway on the world-famous White Pass and Yukon railroad, the train started the heavy climb almost immediately. There were places on the climb, where looking down an enormous depth, we could see the tumbling Skagway river, like an uneasy streak of molten silver, and then, looking up, met only the overhang of a granite cliff, with the glare of snow-covered peaks across the canyon. We shortly tipped the summit and rushed

south side the country is one vast flat, mostly tundra, swamp. In this latitude the ground seldom thaws beyond a few feet in depth; consequently there is little or no subdrainage. This is the swamp country through which our portion of the preliminary line ran.

A great deal has been written of the Alaska mosquito, but nowhere have I seen accounts of the little insect exaggerated. During the period from May to August it was necessary that one wear constantly a head net that dropped from a stiff-brimmed hat to a bottom taken in and securely tied around the chest. To protect one's hand: one had to wear heavy canvas gauntlets, which were tied tightly about the wrists. The little pests would sting right through an ordinary cotton shirt, so I found it necessary to wear an additional flannel shirt. At lunch "on line" we would build a smudge, and, somewhat relieved at least from the attack of the "bugs," would eat our sandwiches in a bath of smoke.

The matter of baths was difficult. Often in the evening we would paddle out to a bar in the middle of the stream, build a smudge of drift, and take a hurried plunge in the icy Tanana waters. We would be nearly eaten alive by the persistent little "bugs" before we could get back into our clothes and to camp.

of cotton. Now a cotton bale is subjected to a very heavy pressure; water will penetrate it but an inch or so, whereas kerosene will go clear to the center. A fire in a cotton bale does not blaze, but simply smolders and eats its way into the bale. At the comparatively low temperature at which cotton burns, and where there is no flame, kerosene does not ignite, but smolders or extinguishes the slow, creeping fire. After the fire is extinguished the bands are removed from the bale and burned portions of the cotton stripped off. It is said that the use of kerosene has practically no detrimental effect on the cotton, and after it has been spread out and aired for a few days all odor of the oil disappears.

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"What?" exclaimed the amazed teacher. "What on earth are you talking about?"

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At that moment a shock-headed lad strolled along the road and stopped to gaze open-mouthed at him.

"I say," called the botanist urgently. "See that plant there—that pale pink one in the corner? Do you know it?"

"Uhuh!" said the country boy briefly. "What's its name? Do you know what family it belongs to?"

The lad jerked a grubby thumb over his shoulder toward the little cottage, as he spoke more briefly still: "Higgines!"

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