

ALASKAN TOWN HAS VIRGINIA CLIMATE

Temperature Seldom Falls Much Below Freezing.

Washington.—Ketchikan, Alaska, is going into the public utility business. The city has arranged to buy up local electric light, power, water and telephone properties.

More Rain Than in Panama.

"Situating at the very southernmost tip of the long, Alaskan panhandle that reaches down the coast of British Columbia, Ketchikan is first port of call for all steamers entering Alaska through the inland passage. It is perched on a rocky hillside that falls abruptly into the waters of Tongass Narrows.

The bare, rock foundations of the city provide neither soil nor level space for roads, so the streets are built of wooden planks.

The business district is set on piles, close to the long line of wharves. Stairs and winding board roads lead up to the residential part of town. There almost every home has a bit of lawn or garden, probably planted on imported earth.

Is Busy Place.

"Business is good in Ketchikan. It is a shipping center and supply base for a large district. The shops and stores are stocked with foods and merchandise fresh from the states. After all, Seattle is only 600 miles away, with regular steamer service winter and summer. Huge salmon canneries are frantically busy during the short season when salmon are running. Often the little river that rushes through Ketchikan, incidentally supplying it with electric power, is packed solid with pink and silver fish. The chinook, or king salmon, is the principal variety of the Ketchikan district. Halibut fishing is another big industry, and there are great cold storage plants where the fish are frozen before they are shipped south.

"Although there are several saw-mills, lumbering has not been developed on a very large scale. But Ketchikan has all the potential resources for a great pulpwood industry—unlimited, year round water power and almost inexhaustible timber. The forests, which are mostly spruce and hemlock, mixed with some elder, willow, and cottonwood, are controlled by the United States forest service."

Turkish Woman Seeking Right to Cross Her Legs

Istanbul.—Whether it is an outrage for a woman to sit with one leg across the other is being discussed in Turkish Anatolia.

The offending Turkish woman is Madame Nadje Kipchak, a history teacher.

She attended a sitting of the court as a member of the public, and taking a front seat, placed one leg across the other.

The usher called her to order, saying, "that is not how one sits in court." She answered sharply, and the usher instituted proceedings against her for outrage to a magistrate in the exercise of his functions.

When the case came up, Madame Kipchak defended herself by saying that in her opinion good manners in the Twentieth century allowed a lady to place her right leg over her left knee or her left leg over her right knee without it constituting any lack of respect to a court of law.

She replied to the magistrate that she was well-grounded in notions of law and sociology as well as etiquette.

Istanbul Sets Up Code for Its Grave Diggers

Istanbul.—In Istanbul Turkish mourners have staged a revolt against the grave diggers.

They say that they charge more than the due fees for burying the dead and bargain speculatively over the corpses.

So many complaints have reached the municipality that the police have been sent a schedule of grave digging charges which all grave diggers must follow.

It will cost \$3.75 to bury anyone over five years old, and \$1.80 for persons under five.

But for burials in graves which are already open, the charge will be only a dollar.

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