

# RICH GOLD FIND MADE IN ALASKA

### Avalanche uproots immense Trees and Discovers Quartz Ledges

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 21. Phenomenal weather in the late autumn, which took the form of warm chinook winds in the higher regions, has resulted in a stampede of prospectors to adjacent hills where they have staked many claims to be worked for placer gold in the spring.

The warm winds uncovered immense deposits of gravel, which were swept down to the rivers, leaving a new terrain exposed. Prospectors report thawing at great depths which were locked in perpetual ice. They believe that nature thus has left open rich auriferous gravels hitherto sealed.

On the west side of Turnagain Arm an avalanche 100 feet wide and a mile long rushed down a mountain, uprooting immense trees and cutting deep into the soil. Three ledges rich in quartz were revealed. The creeks of that region had given up placer gold in the past, and the news of the big slide sent every unattached man with an outfit into the mountainous region above the Arm. Claims were staked, and since water was closing in, the prospectors left to return at the first thawing of spring.

The chinooks prolonged the open season in the hills a month or more. It is predicted that this will result in an unusually early spring, as the usual early freeze-up was lacking and the blankets of snow prevented deep freezing later.

Long-time residents of Alaska believe that climatic conditions are undergoing a general change. They point to the recent deluge that put the southern division of the Alaska railroad out of commission for 20 days. The cloudburst, accompanied by a warm gale, denuded even the mountain peaks of snow. It has been customary for the first heavy snow to fall in all winter. But this season, in southwestern Alaska, several times snow fell in quantity only to be melted again. Winter seemed reluctant to take hold.

#### SELFISH BRUTE!

"Oh, mother," wailed the bride, "Jack doesn't love me any more!"  
"What has he done?"  
"There was only one cigarette left in the house when he came home from the dance last night and he t-took it and s-smoked it himself."

The Chinese "mine" the 2,000,000-year-old fossilized remains of prehistoric animals for use as medicine, to supply Chinese drug stores with "dragon's teeth," and "dragon's bones."

# RUSSIAN DANCER MET NOTHING BUT TROUBLE IN BERLIN

### It Was a Sad Day For Beautiful Artist When Consort Tried to Steal Bolt of Silk

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Sonia Sull-anskia used to be a carefree Russian dancer in the cabarets of the central European capitals. It was a sad day for the beautiful artist when she came to Berlin to fill an engagement in one of the big variety theatres last month.

She made the acquaintance in Berlin of a Khirghese, Serge Chaugachvili, who professed such admiration for Sonia that he proposed buying her a silk gown and accompanied her to one of the city's leading silk shops.

While Sonia was looking over the various patterns, her "cavalier" slipped a bolt of silk into a great pocket especially made in the lining of his overcoat. Unfortunately for the Khirghese, the silk house had mirrors arranged in such a manner that detectives who were not in sight could watch the customers at the silk counter.

Sonia and her "cavalier" were escorted into the managerial offices and taken to jail after the silk had been recovered. The girl protested her innocence, but was locked up and held for trial.

It was discovered that the Khirghese had been locked up in Austria and Italy for similar thefts. Consequently, when he was arraigned for sentence, the judge sent him to prison for five years. The judge accepted the tearful Russian girl's

statement that she had no knowledge of the character of the man she was associating with, but after announcing her release he urged her in future to be more careful in selecting her male companions.

Sonia departed to learn that her squeamish managers had cancelled all her contracts.

#### LOST COMPLETELY

An urchin was whimpering on a street corner when he was addressed by one of those kindly old gentlemen who are always bobbing up: "What's the matter son?"

"I'm lost."  
"Lost? Nonsense. You mustn't give up hope so quickly. Where do you live?"

"I don't know. We've just moved and I can't remember the new address."

"What's your name, then?"

"What? Don't know your own name?"

"No, sobbed the youngster. "Mother got married again this morning."

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# 1000 BOYS ACT AS TRAFFIC COPS

### Youths Posted at Corners Around Schools to Regu- late Progress of Autos

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—One thousand public school boys of San Francisco, from 12 to 18 years old, have been organized into a traffic reserve force. Like the regular traffic policemen they are posted on the corners surrounding schools, where they regulate the progress of automobiles and see that their fellow students cross the streets safely. They study the city ordinances and are drilled in signals by traffic officers of the police department.

This is an extension of a campaign against accidents started here ten months ago by the police department, in cooperation with the Cal-

ifornia State Automobile Association. A committee of citizens was appointed to work with the police in suppressing reckless driving and careless walking, and in supervising the flow of traffic.

During the ten months the death rate for motor accidents here was reduced 25 per cent from that of the same period in 1922, according to statistics prepared by the association.

Representatives of northern and central California cities, at a recent meeting here, decided to adopt a similar plan in their communities.

#### C'EST LA GUERRE

A trembling recruit, William Kris by name, was hauled forth from a protecting shell hole and brought before his stern superior.

"What's the big idea?" demanded the colonel. "Hiding away like that?"

"Well," replied the buck plaintively.

"Things wasn't so bad until the cap'n yelled, 'Fire at Will.' Colonel, I ain't gonna be no target for the whole A. E. F."

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