

# Government Men Probe Alaska Wilds For Uranium

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The interior department disclosed today it is making a thorough geological search to determine whether Alaska may be a source of uranium, the basic material for atomic energy and the atom bomb.

Also under survey are Alaska's potentialities in oil, coal, gold and radium, and means of coping with the construction problem of volcanic activity and permafrost—the permanently frozen ground which underlies the territory.

The department's geological survey said in a report to Secretary Krug 56 geologists took part in a summer-long field study which covered a wide range. Laboratory analyses of their funds will continue through the winter.

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## Northwest Lumber Price Drop Seen

SPOKANE, Dec. 19 (AP)—A decline in northwest lumber prices by next March was predicted today by Ray W. Bell, president of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association. Bell credited the expected drop which he explained, would probably leave prices only slightly higher than former OPA ceilings to buyer resistance and desire of operators to avoid competition from aluminum and other materials, and attainment of virtual capacity production.

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# New Wound Cure Found By Surgeons

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Penicillin mixed with hemoglobin, the red coloring matter of human blood, is curing wounds and sores where nothing else succeeds, not even pure penicillin, it was reported to the American College of Surgeons today.

Lt. Col. Felix Janney, of Northwestern university, Chicago, said the discovery was made in two American hospitals in England, which were short of medical supplies and on their own initiative tried for new uses of what they had.

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## College Plans Forest Nursery

SPOKANE, Dec. 19 (AP)—Establishment of a pine forest nursery on the Washington State college campus is planned by the school and the state forestry division, Dr. Wilson M. Compton, school president, said today.

Compton told the chamber of commerce lumber products bureau that the nursery, first of its kind in the state, would have a capacity of several million seedlings yearly.

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