

ESQUIMAUX IN ALASKA DOING WELL

Head of Government's School System for Natives Tells of Good Qualities of People and Methods of Handling Animals

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—A few days ago a short, stumpy man with a quiet manner, a skin browned by much outdoor life, and the steady eye of one used to looking across great distances, came to Washington with such small fuss that it was more than a week before the reporters were aware of his presence at all. He is W. T. Lopp, head of the government's school system for Esquimaux, and a man who has spent most of his life since 1890 in Alaska, seldom "coming out," as he calls a trip down to the States.

Lopp was a Hoosier school master in Indiana, a boy just out of college, when the government sent him and another young man up to Cape Prince of Wales on Rering strait, to start an Esquimaux school. He expected to remain but two years.

When he went up he and his partner were the only white men living in all of Northern Alaska. They went alone into a district where the natives were so dreaded that whalers would not put into port for haven in a storm.

Since that time Lopp has seen the gold rushes go past him (he, himself, got the gold fever only once), he has traveled up and down and across Alaska on foot, mushing with dogs, or driving reindeer, from Point Barrow, northernmost pinnacle of the continent, down to the Alaskan peninsula in the warm Japan stream, and eastward to the Canadian boundary. Before white men came he has known what it is to be driving exhausted dogs in, the bitter cold of interior Alaska with the food dwindling; he has been in an Esquimaux hunting boat scuttled by the tusks of an infuriated walrus; he has fearlessly carried law into rough, lawless winter whaling stations in the Arctic ocean; he has faced death in a score of forms. But of all these he will say nothing. He prefers to talk about the government's Alaskan reindeer herd, of which he was the creator, and is the present administrative head.

"We got the idea of importing reindeer from Siberia that first winter we were at Cape Prince of Wales," he said. "The country then had a bad reputation. But after we had learned a little more of the Esquimaux language we discovered that most of the trouble between Esquimaux and the whites resulted from ill treatment of the natives. We found them kindly, good natured people, with more native intelligence than Indians have, and eager to learn the white man's ways. Their chief faults were drunkenness and a tendency to steal whatever they could."

"We had some trouble with them at first, but we insisted on having our way. When they saw we were absolutely just and fair with them their attitude changed. We taught them that stealing and drinking were wrong, and they listened to us. Today it would be hard to find a more honest people than the Esquimaux living from Cape Prince of Wales northward, and drunkenness is almost unknown. Also, they are the most advanced of the Esquimaux in carrying out our teachings of cleanliness and hygiene.

"That first winter we learned that the Esquimaux wanted to own reindeer, but that the revenue officers would not permit the importation. Some of the natives even owned reindeer in the Siberian herds across the straits. And it seemed a shame that they were forbidden to bring their property across from Asia, so near that the Siberian heights could be seen over the water on clear days.

"We appealed to Washington for permission to import reindeer. But other government agents had preceded us in this request. Before we had a reply from our letter that summer a revenue cutter put into port with a shipment of reindeer on board. We were overjoyed to know that the prohibition law had been removed, and set about getting more.

In the year 1892 came the first large importation. We brought in 1,200 that year, and from these grew our present herd, scattered throughout Alaska, and numbering over 35,000.

"The reindeer policy was gradually evolved. We impress upon the Lapps and Esquimaux that the reindeer are exclusively their property and care. For instance, they are not allowed to sell a female reindeer to white men, so that the brood animals are to be perpetually in the custody and ownership of the natives.

"We usually establish a reindeer herd wherever we have a native school. The school superintendent has supervision over the herd, though the animals are owned by the natives. When a new herd is to be started, young, ambitious natives are selected as apprentice herders for a four-year term. For his first year's services, in addition to his living, the

apprentice receives six reindeer; the second year eight, and the third year ten and the fourth year ten. So that what you may term a journeyman herder owns thirty-four reindeer.

"They are then free to breed their animals and sell their calves or stock of any age or sex to the other natives.

"Reindeer are food, clothing and transportation to the natives. As food, reindeer is delicious, resembling both mutton and beef, but more palatable than either. Along in October, when the deer are fat from a summer's feeding on grasses and foliage, they are best for eating. The natives take reindeer tallow and mix red moss berries into it, making the dish look like ice cream, and which is fine to eat.

"The reindeer finds his food along the ways. He can paw through the snow when tethered out and find moss to eat. He is strong, so the driver can ride. And the reindeer can travel forty miles a day and keep it up for a week at a time."

OVER 2,000 APPLICANTS FOR HALLKEEPER'S JOB

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LONDON, Jan. 6.—Owners of Caxton Hall, Westminster, who advertised for a hallkeeper who could show good testimonials for faithfulness, honesty, tact and intelligence, received 2,200 applications for the job, which was worth but \$8.75 a week. Of these, 900 applicants had irreproachable credentials. An Oxford graduate got the position.

SUIT AGAINST CLARK IS SETTLED

LOST RIVER DAM CONTRACTOR, WHO HAD BANK DEPOSIT GARNISHED, ARRANGES WITH INNES-CLARKS CO.

The case, which was one for the recovery of money, was entered November 25th, the plaintiff claiming \$3,704.68 as balance due on a bill of \$7,825.53 for lumber furnished. By a garnishment proceeding the plaintiff tied up \$3,800 of the defendant's money on deposit with the American Bank and Trust company, after which an order was secured from Judge Henry L. Benson, before his departure for Dallas, lifting the garnishment, the defendant paying \$1,500 to the Innes-Clarke company on account.

Since then the adverse parties have arrived at a settlement.

NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN MARTIN VS. YADEN CASE

In the case of J. A. and J. L. Martin vs. J. L. Yaden, suit on a contract to carry mail between Fort Klamath and Klamath Falls, the plaintiffs got a verdict some time. Attorney E. L. Elliott asked for a stay of execution.

"The question arises in my mind as to what power a court has to stay an execution," remarked Judge Henry L. Benson, sitting on the circuit bench. "I think it is very doubtful whether I have the power to do what you ask, even if it seemed the just thing to do under all circumstances."

"I'm willing to wait if you give notice of an appeal, without requiring you to give a bond," was the offer made to Elliott by Attorney Fred H. Mills, representing the plaintiffs. Attorney Elliott then gave notice of an appeal in open court, so that the proceedings in the case will wait on his further action in that direction.

KING GEORGE'S LEVEE AT CALCUTTA BIG AFFAIR

United Press Service

CALCUTTA, India, Jan. 6.—King George held a big levee here today, which was attended by all local native potentates and British officials.

The magnificent stairway in front of the government house was lined by the gigantic gunners of the king's bodyguard, and huge throngs watched the arrival of the notables who came to kiss the royal hand and give thanks for the honors conferred Monday.

There will be another big state banquet tonight.

NO COURT HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Asked Saturday if there was anything contemplated in the immediate future in regard to action on the tender of a court house site by the Klamath Falls Commercial Club, County Judge William S. Worden said there was nothing to be said at this time.

The head of the county court seemed to be in good health and spirits as far as the court house question is involved, but had no manifesto to issue.

The court has not as yet done anything about plans for a court house on the Hot Springs site, on which it some time ago announced its intention of building. If the court should invite plans for a \$200,000 structure on that ground there will no doubt be a number of designs submitted, as the usual architect's fee of 5 per cent of proposed cost would mean a \$10,000 job for the successful applicant.

SUMMERS DENIES HAS PNEUMONIA COUNTY COMMISSIONER IS ON DUTY AT HIS OFFICE, INSTEAD OF IN BED, AS RUMOR HAD IT ABOUT THE STREETS

County Commissioner Samuel T. Summers, when interviewed by the Herald Saturday of the subject of the pneumonia, which was reported to have him in its grip, declined to speak at any length on the subject.

Instead of being at home in bed, which is the proper and fitting place for a person who is trying to get the better of the affliction indicated, the county commissioner was pursuing the usual course of being at his office attending to business.

"I'm suffering from no money," declared he. But he would not admit even being sick, much less 'fess up to the pneumonia.

It is evident that Mr. Summers was not at home when the pneumonia called. The rumor was circulated last night at the council chamber that the ex-member of the city's administrative board was very ill.

BABE'S FATHER-MURDERER IS ON TRIAL FOR CRIME

United Press Service

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Jan. 6.—Charged with the murder of his day-old baby, whom he declared to have admitted killing "because of the high cost of living," John Rech is on trial here in the superior court. His wife will be tried for complicity.

BIG PETITION FOR PEACE GOES TO HAGUE MEETING

United Press Service

LONDON, Jan. 6.—With 6,000,000 signatures to a world's peace petition to be presented at the next Hague conference, in 1914 or 1915, Miss Anna B. Eckstein, principal of a school of languages in Boston, has arrived in London after a tour of America, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, France, Belgium and Holland.

More than 1,000,000 trade unionists of Great Britain have signed the petition. Miss Eckstein says she will have 100,000,000 signatures by 1914.

SEATTLE BARS SLEDDING ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENTS

United Press Service

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—All sled parties have been barred in Seattle, the many serious accidents from coasting this winter having resulted in an order to this effect from Chief of Police Banick.

It affects the grown-ups as well as the youngsters, and a petition protest is likely.

PLUMBING TRUST BUSTED BY DEFENDANT'S CONSENT

United Press Service

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Federal Judge Wellborn has issued an injunction in the case of the government against the plumbing trust by consent of all the defendants. The action officially dissolves the combine.

BUILDING MAKES COUNCIL UNEASY

In the matter of building permits it developed Friday night that council had again stepped on itself, so to speak, by granting a permit for doing work without investigation being made of the proposed structure.

At the previous meeting a permit had been granted to Burge Mason to put a stable on block 44, Nichols addition, which location, so Mayor Fred T. Sanderson reported, would put the building right at the doorway of a neighbor. Mayor Sanderson asked that the council investigate, so on motion of Col. M. G. Wilkins, seconded by Councilman Ben S. Owens the council decided to reconsider its action awarding the permit.

AMERICANS KILL CZAR'S POLICEMEN AND ESCAPE

United Press Service

USOPSKA, Russia, Jan. 6.—Four Americans, one of whom killed four policemen and wounded four others, three of whom are not expected to recover, are today being sought by the police of this district. One of the fugitives is a woman.

A policeman knocked at the Americans' door. It was opened and he fell dead with five bullets through the head. He called to investigate a report that they had no passports.

Reinforcements were called. One American stepped out, holding up his hands and saying, "I surrender."

An officer approached and fell with a bullet through the heart. The American took the revolver and cartridges from his belt, said "Thanks; that's all I wanted," and returned to the house. In a few moments he reappeared, a gun in each hand, calmly walked through the crowd and sought refuge in a garden. In a subsequent fight he killed two more policemen.

MRS. WATSON IS CALLED TO REST

MOTHER OF MRS. J. F. KIMBALL AND SISTER OF H. H. AND C. C. CHITWOOD SUCCEUMBS AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. C. B. Watson of Ashland, sister of H. H. and C. C. Chitwood and mother of Mrs. J. F. Kimball of this city, died Wednesday in the city hospital in Ashland, after undergoing an operation. C. C. Chitwood and Mr. Kimball left the following morning to attend the funeral. Mrs. Kimball having been with her mother during her last illness. The Ashland Record has the following:

"The Ashland community was shocked Wednesday morning to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Watson, wife of Judge C. B. Watson, one of the city's most prominent citizens.

"Mrs. Watson passed away at Granite City hospital, where she had been operated upon a few hours previously for tumor. The stricken family is so plunged in grief that it is impossible to get complete particulars of the sad affair at this time. Mrs. Watson was aged about 57 years, and has spent the last twenty-five years in Ashland. She has been closely connected with the literary and intellectual life of the city. By her worth and many kindly deeds she has won a host of friends, who will sincerely mourn her demise.

"Besides the sorrowing husband, two children are left to mourn—Chandler Watson and Mrs. Lyle Kimball. Deceased also has two brothers and a sister residing at Klamath Falls."

RAYMOND TEAL MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY COMING

Pretty girls, funny comedians and a wealth of pretty scenery and costumes will lend enchantment to the scene at the opera house three nights, beginning January 12th, when the big Raymond Teal Musical Comedy company will open their engagement. The Teal show is looked direct by John Cort and is said to be one of the strongest musical offerings playing the coast this year.

They are direct from a big stock run in Denver, and are en route to Los Angeles for a season's run. They will change the bill each night, and play at popular prices. The big beauty chorus of vivacious dancing girls are made a big feature with the show. Gracie Wolf, the petite soubrette with the show, holds the world's championship as lady luck and wing dancer. Seat sale Monday.

BILLS STIR UP COUNCIL OF CITY

A bill dating back to 1905 was presented council Friday night. It was from C. S. and R. S. Moore, and was accompanied by an affidavit of its propriety, made by R. S. Moore before County Clerk Charles De Lap. It was for lumber, considerable of which was furnished during the first six months of 1905, while the balance of the items refer to 1910.

"They ought to collect their bills better," was the sentiment of Councilman Russell A. Alford, expressed when City Recorder Thomas P. Nicholas read the bill to the solons. "We don't know anything about 1905."

"That was before some of us came to town," suggested Mayor Fred T. Sanderson, amid laughter. He came to the city since 1905, while Councilman G. W. White came in 1903.

Councilman White suggested that the bill be held up and the books of the makers of the bill inspected. Action on the bill was therefore deferred.

The Klamath Falls Light and Water company's bill of \$407.45 was held up for the present, Councilman White, who is chairman of the finance committee, declaring that the bill should be cut, so far as city lighting was concerned, to 3 1/2 cents per c. p., 5 cents being the basis on which the bill was rendered. He moved to this effect, Councilman Charles McGowen seconding. The motion prevailed.

Mr. White said a conference had been held with General Manager Geo. J. Walton of the Klamath Falls Light and Water company, and that the official had said it would be unfair to cut the November bill, on which he had already reported to his chief officers, but had indicated that the cut on the December bill would not be protested.

"He can cut off the light if he wants to," suggested Councilman Alford. "Of course he can, or he can charge 15 cents if he wants to," added Councilman White.

ANOTHER DIAMOND RUSH IS ON IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 6.—Bloomhof, a farming district on the banks of the Vaal, is the center of a diamond rush, 18,000 people having rushed there within the past six weeks upon word of the discovery of the precious stones.

Already 20,000 claims have been staked out. The proprietor's profits from a temporary hotel are \$10,000 a month.

CANADIAN PACIFIC WRECK OF PASSENGER TRAINS

United Press Service

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Many were killed and injured in a collision on the Canadian Pacific at Terre Bonne-Que this afternoon.

One train was en route to Quebec and the other to Montreal. Both were derailed. Coaches of both trains were crushed.

HELL WOULD HAVE BEEN A BOOK BY UPTON SINCLAIR

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—"If Upton Sinclair had worked in New York laundries he would have written a book and called it 'The Hell,'" said Margaret Hinchay, for twenty years prominent among the New York Laundry workers, who are now on strike, in an interview today.

Miss Hinchay declares that the average weekly wage of \$4 and \$5 is forcing hundreds of girls into immorality, and this pressure upon them is accentuated, she says, by the docking system, which, if an hour was lost, stripped them of a good part of their pay.

"I have heard vile mouthed superintendents curse the girls like slaves," she said. "The women's dressing rooms are open and exposed to the view of the men employes, and even they were forced to dress in the same room in many places.

"We demand a ten-hour day, safeguards for the cruel machinery, an increase of from 15 to 20 per cent in wages, and, above all, we demand that children be kept out of the 'hell shops.'"

TRAIN ROBBERY SUSPECTS HELD BY FEDERAL SLEUTH

United Press Service

RED BLUFF, Jan. 8.—A postal detective has arrested B. F. Baldwin and a man named Smith in connection with the postal car robbery of Friday near here. Both profess their innocence.

Smith is unknown here. Baldwin lately came from Chico.

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Chapman Gets Building Permit The city council Friday night granted a building permit to C. E. Chapman to make additions to a structure at Eighth and Bush streets.

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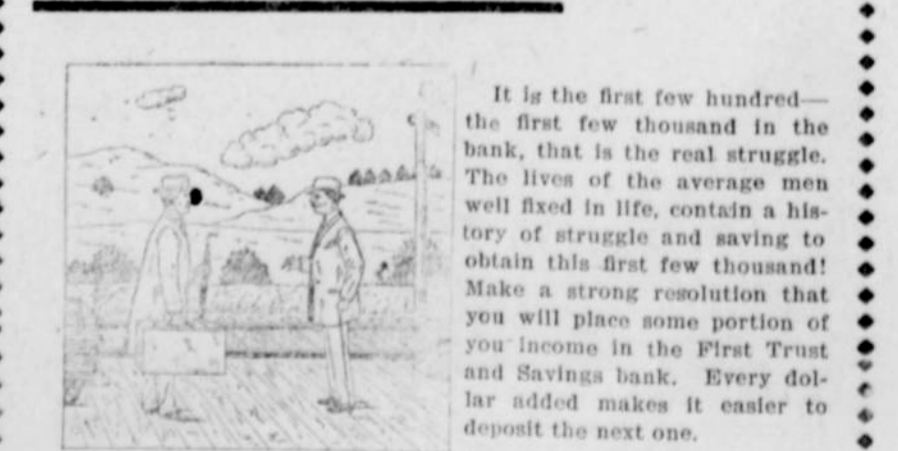
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