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Sources, Concerning the Great
North, Condensed.

Information for Everybody.

Provisions are short in the Chandel-

lar.

Ira H. King is now town treasurer of
Haines.

Ruby City will have two newspapers
this winter.

The houses in Prince Rupert are be-
ing numbered.

Governor Clark says there is nothing
wrong at Mt. Tabor.

The Wrangell Sentinel reports that
deer are plentiful on Admiralty island.

The Ketchikan sawmill burned on the
14th. The loss is estimated at
\$50,000.

The completion of the fifth census
reveals the population of Canada as
8,000,000.

Our 30th neighbors will observe
October Canadian as a day of general
thanksgiving.

A subscriber for the Tacoma Tri-
bune, who lives at Chikden, Alaska,
pays for his paper in gold dust.

Ruby City has now a solidly built
Front street running half a mile along
the bank of the Yukon and built on
both sides.

Captain Taafe, of the wrecked
steamship Ramona, was given a six-
months vacation as a penalty for un-
skillful navigation.

Alaskans who visit Seattle should be
on the lookout. A burglar robbed
three stores there last week, and got \$2
in cash and a watch chain.

Capt. Frank Daniels, who put the
big freighter Edith ashore on Level
island, has been put to the bad for two
months. The charge was bad naviga-
tion.

Heavy rains have nearly destroyed
the government road from Haines to
Porcupine. Trees and big boulders have
been washed into the road bed in many
places.

Rumor has it that the Alaska Steam-
ship Co., the Alaska Pacific Steamship
Co. and the Northern Pacific Steam-
ship Co. are soon to be merged into one
big thing.

A term of the district court, Judge
Cushman presiding, is called to con-
vene in Seward, beginning February
13, 1912, and continuing as long there-
after as the public interest may re-
quire.

In the near vicinity of Uyak, on Ko-
diak island, two miners have uncov-
ered placer diggings which may prove,
upon development, of vast importance,
and add another gold camp to the many
established ones.

Innoko is about to join the ranks of
the other Alaskan communities where
the quartz mining industry is making a
land, for this first stamp mill is to be
started this fall, say recent arrivals
from the lower country.

A Dawson politician, in a letter to
the Whitehorse Star, makes a state-
ment which might be applied to Alaska
with some degree of sense: "This ter-
ritory cannot afford to fight the gov-
ernment which sustains it."

The Fairbanks Commercial Club has
decided to implore the next Con-
gress to appropriate annually for the
next five years, one million dollars a
year, for improvements, construction
and maintenance of roads in Alaska.

Considerable excitement prevails at
Sitka over what is believed to be a rich
gold strike made by a party of Indians
somewhere on Peril Straits last week.
The Indians, among whom was Ru-
dolph Walden, who owns a curio store
at Sitka, attempted to keep the matter
a secret, but rumors of a strike became
rife, and when the Indians left in a gas
boat with Superintendent Bridgeman,
of the Sheldon Jackson Mission, a
number of other gas boats followed.—
Dispatch.

Twenty ptarmigan captured at sea in
waters off the Alaskan coast are on
their way to Golden Gate park in San
Francisco. J. W. Williamson, 3148
Fulton street, San Francisco, has the
birds in charge. They will be set free
in the big park. The birds alighted
aboard a steamship on which Mr. Will-
iamson was a passenger from St.
Michael to Nome. They were appar-
ently bewildered and would not be
driven off the vessel. Twenty-five
were captured and twenty are living
now.

An examination of the hull of the
steamship Edith, of the Alaska Steam-
ship company, discloses the fact that
the vessel has been badly damaged by
her mishap in Sumner strait. Nearly
a dozen of her plates have buckled,
and probably will have to be replaced.
The steamship was also badly dam-
aged at the bow when she plowed her
way into the shore of Level island.
The vessel had a cargo of 60,000 cases
of canned salmon, which undoubtedly
made her mishap more serious than if
she had been light when she grounded.

Frank Manley recently arrived at
Skagway from the Iditarod where he
has been operating on Flat creek. In
speaking of the conditions in the Idita-
rod district, Mr. Manley said that there
were only two creeks, Flat and Otter,
that were yielding this year and they
would probably put out from \$3,500,000
to \$4,000,000 this year. Iditarod City
now has about 500 or 600 population,
and Flat City is practically dead, most
of the inhabitants having gone either
to Ruby City or Good News bay. It is
Mr. Manley's opinion that the Iditarod
district will be the greatest quartz
camp in Alaska, although very little
prospecting for quartz has been done,
but in almost every out which has been
made in the heads of the creeks,
stringers of free gold has been
disclosed, and it is only a matter of
time until good ledges are found.

Clyde B. Guptill, agent for the
Alaska Steamship company, at Skag-
way, was found last Thursday morning
lying in the rear of the office in a
pool of blood, with his skull crushed.
Later Lionel E. Berriman, Mr. Gup-
till's assistant, was arrested for the
deed. At last accounts Guptill was
still unconscious, with small hopes of
his recovery. If robbery was the in-
tent of the deed, it was unsuccessful
as the safe was found locked and the
contents unmolested. Berriman has
been discharged because of insufficient
evidence to bind him over.

While walking the beach at Katalla
near the midnight hour, the weather
being cold and rainy, W. E. Smythe,
the representative of the Scripps Mc-
Rae Press association, which news or-
ganization sent broadcast from Wash-
ington the famous "Dick-to-Dick" fake
story, said to Governor Clark: "I am
convinced of two things, governor.
First, that the Guggebeims did not
seek to gain control of Controller bay."
Smythe hesitated a moment. "And
second?" queried the governor. "Sec-
ond, that the damned bay isn't worth
controlling."—Seward Gateway.

Officers of the revenue cutter ser-
vice who have spent the summer in the
annual patrol of Bering sea, under-
taken for the protection of the seal-
ing herd, report a pitiable condition exist-
ing among the natives of the Aleutian
islands. There has been a great scar-
city of food for several years past, and
as a result of low diet and insufficient
nourishment disease of various kinds
is making fearful ravages among them.
These officers state that unless food
and medical attendance is furnished
them, on many islands the entire na-
tive population will probably be ex-
tinct before long.

The big cannery ship A. J. Fuller,
which arrived from Uyak, Kodiak
island, a few days ago, won the distinc-
tion yesterday of having the biggest
pay roll so far this season, says the
P.-I. When the shipping commis-
sioners at the Colman dock yesterday
completed their work of paying off the
crew and fishermen who were with the
vessel during the summer a total of
\$23,900 had been paid out. There were
fifty-nine men, including members of
the crew and fishermen, and they aver-
aged about \$500 each. The nineteen
men on the tug Shelikoff, which came
from the same cannery averaged about
\$400 apiece.

Bringing the thrilling details of an
explosion at sea, as a result of which
her chief engineer was terribly burned
about the face and hands, her engine
wrecked and the vessel left to drift
helplessly off the North Pacific coast,
the power schooner Bender Brothers,
of Seattle, Capt. Louis Knaflich, ar-
rived at Port Townsend yesterday in
tow of the life-saving tug Snohomish,
says the P.-I. The Bender Brothers,
bound from Nome and ports on the
Kuskokwim river, was completing a
voyage fraught with difficulties and
trying experiences. When 180 miles
from Cape Flattery her gasoline engine
exploded, injuring her chief engineer
and leaving her at the mercy of a
heavy gale.

The term of the district court at
Fairbanks this winter bids fair to be
a record-breaker in the matter of mur-
der cases. At present there are six
men in jail on the charge of murder.
These are William Geise, charged with
the murder of Boyd, a soldier at Gib-
bon a year ago last April; Robert John,
charged with the murder of William A.
Clark, a Chandelar prospector, more
than two years ago; John Cooper, held
to answer for the murder of William
Wimbisch on Gilmore creek last No-
vember; Borisia Rokocevic, who shot
Fred Sellers, in the Imperial cigar
store last spring, and Roy Davis and
Michael Joseph Sullivan, charged with
having murdered Duncan Angus at
the Hot Springs last month.

One of the most important recent
discoveries is that of large deposits of
iron ore in the neighborhood of Sel-
dovia, Alaska. It would be even more
important, however, had the discovery
been made anywhere else on the Pa-
cific coast, rather than in Alaska. This
is not because the ore is not as valua-
ble there as elsewhere, but because,
under conditions as they now exist,
the opportunities for the utilization of
any important discovery of the kind
are probably less in Alaska than else-
where in the world. Until there is fur-
ther legislation, or at least until the
present laws of Congress are permitted
to operate in Alaska, there can be little
utilization of natural resources and
capital is repelled from any invest-
ment there.

Governor Clark, speaking of the
needs of the territory for certain local
legislation, shows how the commerce
of the territory was seriously impaired
and the lives of the people jeopardized
during the past summer because of
absence of any quarantine laws during
an outbreak of smallpox. Congress
has not given the simple, elementary
means of protection such as is enjoyed
by every other people in the civilized
world. Again, there are many private
banks now operated in the territory
absolutely without any form of gov-
ernment supervision. There is not a
single line on the statute books rela-
tive to the conduct of banking in the
territory. Neither is there any code of
health laws and regulations such as
other communities have.

Bernard S. Rodey, United States dis-
trict attorney at Nome, who is now in
Seattle, was one of the first advocates,
if not the originator, of the latest and
most striking plan for the regulation
of trusts and the sale of trust con-
trolled products—a sort of maximum
prices. Mr. Rodey was delegate in
Congress from New Mexico from 1900
to 1906. Later he was Federal judge
in Porto Rico and a little more than a
year ago was appointed United States
attorney at Nome. Judge Rodey is
one of the best informed men on ter-
ritorial law in the country. More than
a year ago he wrote an article on the
court of maximum prices and circu-
lated it privately. Recently the plan
which he advocated then and which
had been in his mind for years, has
attracted national attention.