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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE URGING BUILDING OF ALASKA RAILWAYS

Concerning Alaska, President Wilson, in his message to the congress, said:

"A duty faces us with regard to Alaska, which seems to be very pressing and very imperative. Perhaps I should say a double duty, for it concerns both political and material development of the territory. The people in Alaska should be given a full territorial form of government, and Alaska as a storehouse should be unlocked.

Railways Is the Key

"The key to unlock that storehouse is a system of railways. These the government should control in the interest of all who wish to use them for the service and development of the country and the people. But the construction of railways is only the first step; it is the thrusting in of the key to the storehouse and throwing back the lock and opening the door. How the tempting resources of the country are to be exploited is another matter to which I shall take the liberty from time to time of calling your attention, for it is a policy which must be worked out by well considered stages, not upon theory, but upon lines of practical expediency. It is a part of our general problem of conservation.

Must Use Resources.

"We must use the resources of the country, not lock them up. The resources in question must be used, but not destroyed or wasted; used but not monopolized upon many narrow ideas

of individual rights as against the abiding interests of the communities. That a policy can be worked out by conference and concession which will release these resources and yet not jeopard or dissipate them, I for one have no doubt and it can be done on lines of regulation which need be no less acceptable to the people and governments of the states concerned than to the people and government of the nation at large, whose heritage these resources are. We must bend our counsels to this end. A common purpose ought to make agreement easy.

Concerning Mexico.

Concerning Mexico the president said: "There is but one cloud on our horizon. That has shown itself to the south of us and hangs over Mexico. There can be no certain prospect in America until General Huerta has surrendered his usurped authority in Mexico. Mexico has no government. The attempt to maintain one at the City of Mexico has broken down and a mere military despotism has been set up. It originated in the usurpation of Victoriano Huerta who after a brief attempt to play the part of constitutional president has at last cast aside even the pretense of his legal right and has declared himself dictator. But he has not succeeded. He has forfeited the respect and the moral support even of those who were at one time willing to see him succeed. Little by little every day his power and prestige are crumbling and the collapse is not far away."

CHOATE APPEALS FOR LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT

New York.—Joseph H. Choate, orator, diplomat and lawyer, addressing the New York Chamber of Commerce recently, voiced the following patriotic sentiments:

"All Americans should stand by President Wilson in his Mexican policy, through thick and thin."

Continuing Mr. Choate said: "I should like to discuss America's Mexican policy if I knew what it was; but only one man knows it, and he will certainly keep his own counsel."

"It is a trying and most dangerous situation," continued Mr. Choate, "but one real thing I know, and for that one thing I appeal to the heart and the head of every man present here, that in this trying situation there is but one duty for all of us, and that is to stand by the President of the United States. He is entitled to that from us, regardless of party or creed."

Washington.—President Woodrow Wilson has written a note to Joseph Choate, thanking him for his patriotic expressions at the New York Commercial Club meeting.

About twenty inches of the beautiful fell in Seward, between the hours of 4 and 9 o'clock this morning.

Fresh Lake Trout at the Commerce Cafe.

Meet me at the Branch

Lost—One 50 share stock certificate Alaska Electric Co. Finder please return to Samuel I. Silverman.

Pabst blue ribbon beer at The Branch.

Budweiser beer at the Branch.

WICKERSHAM SEEKS REMOVAL OF RAILROAD TAX

Delegate Wickersham on Thursday introduced a bill in the House to do away with the tax of \$100 a mile now imposed on Alaska railroads. It has long been felt that this tax was an injustice and a serious drawback to the development of the territory, and Congress has signified a willingness to remove this burdensome handicap to Alaska transportation.

The cableship Burnside picked up and buoyed one end of the broken cable line yesterday, when a storm came on and the vessel fled for shelter.

Clarence Whitney has received a message conveying the sad news of the death of his mother, which occurred at Monmouth, Maine.

Jack Johnson is in from the Skeen-Lechner mine. He reports the stamps dropping without cessation. Jack will depart in a few days for the Kenai river country.

Mrs. Frank Rovercraft is in from the mile 29 roadhouse. She is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Al Roberts' launch, the Bat, made its last trip for the season on Kenai Lake yesterday.

Lake Kenai is frozen over from the lower end to point opposite Quartz creek.

Service for 10c up and meal tickets that last forever at \$7.

Commerce Cafe

Long distance telephone booth at the Branch.

Community silver, Sheriton, La Rose and De Luxe patterns. George the Jeweler.

TRIBULATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO FEED OTHERS

A very interesting article concerning the restaurant business, appears in a recent issue of the Hotel Monthly, as follows:

It has been said, and with much show of truth, that there are more failures in the restaurant business than in any other line of trade in the United States. We have been asked to give reasons for this.

From our point of view there are many reasons, and the great majority can be expressed in the one word "inexperience," of those who go into the business.

It looks easy.

The man and wife with a few hundred dollars' capital to invest, think they see a big profit in a restaurant between cost of raw material and the serving of prepared foods. It is a business where the wife can help the husband, or the husband help the wife, whichever way you look at it.

A room is rented, fitted up, furnished, kitchen equipped, fuel and food bought, help hired, doors opened and the business started.

Usually things run smoothly for a few days; everything new, clean, attractive; customers pleased; profit seemingly in hand.

In a little while, however, clouds appear on the horizon, not bigger than a man's hand, at first, but gradually covering the sky. A patron kicks, things go wrong with the help; it is no easy job to keep the place clean; some things are done slovenly; the people who run the place begin to lose heart; and then, too, expenses not previously considered loom up as big as a mountain.

These expenses, or overhead charges are seldom seen by the patrons, who think they are helping to make the restaurant man rich. We will consider only a few of them: Rent, light, heat, fuel for cooking, wages for cooks, pantry people, waiters, scrubbers, and cleaners, laundry for table cloths and napkins, free food for employes, replenishment of table wares and linens, cost of bills of fare, tooth picks, salt, pepper, catsup and other condiments furnished free; possible losses from underchecking and from stealings; spoilage of unsold perishable foods; the expense and labor of keeping the place free of roaches, ants, flies and other vermin; the cost of operating ventilating fans—the list might be continued indefinitely.

Tens of thousands of people have ventured into the restaurant business and learned from bitter experience that "things are not what they seem." They have fought against tremendous odds. In many a restaurant where the proprietor meets you with a smiling face, the smile but conceals a tragedy, the wreck of hopes, the loss of the savings of years.

He smiles heroically after he has discovered his unfitness for the business. He steps down and out, a sadder and a wiser man. And someone else ventures.

The restaurant business requires genius of a very high order in order to operate successfully. The man or woman who engages in it must combine qualities that would make them millionaires in almost any other business. If they do not have these qualities they are very sure to make a failure. And the possession of these combined qualities is found in only the very few who make a pronounced success of the restaurant business.

Notwithstanding the ups and downs of the restaurant business, especially in Alaska, Ernie Levin, of the Commerce Cafe, will be found at the old stand conducting a business which he established in 1905.

Sourdoughs and chechakos, you are invited to the Commerce Cafe. Service every hour in 24.

Sleds for boys and girls; sleds for men. At J. L. Graef's.

DREDGER MEN TAKE OVER CACHE CREEK COMPANY'S PROPERTY

The largest mining deal that ever took place in this section of the Alaska is the taking over, by big mining men represented by James Murray, of the entire holdings of the Cache Creek Mining Company in the Cache creek mining district. The property takes in nearly of Cache creek and the consideration, on terms, is said to be \$750,000.

Mr. Murray and James McAllister, the former a dredger man of large experience and the latter a successful mining man formerly of Nome, passed the

summer season, with a force of miners, making an extensive test of the ground. The tests proved more than satisfactory, disclosing values that can successfully be recovered by the use of dredgers.

It is the plan of the new control, the Gateway is reliably informed, to install a big dredger next season.

The Cache Creek Mining Company has expended some \$300,000 on the property. An effort was made to work it by the hydraulic method, but the ground proved too flat for this process.

NATIVES TO SEEK RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP

Juneau.—Delegates from seven different Native Indian settlements met in convention at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Native Presbyterian Church, to take the initial steps in the formation of a society to be known as the Alaska Native Brotherhood. The main idea is to unite all of the Natives of Alaska in one common brotherhood and stamp out tribal relations with the ultimate object of demanding the rights of citizenship. They have adopted as their slogan, "No Taxation without Representation."

Said one of the best known of the delegates: "Every member of the brotherhood that is to be formed will be eligible to citizenship so far as morals and education are concerned. We hold that to tax us without the rights of citizenship is unjust and un-American."

The convention is liable to last several days or until the object is attained. Delegates from the following settlements are now here: Sitka, Killisnoo, Klawock, Shakan, Wrangel, Klukwan, Hoonah, and Haines. It is expected that other delegates from other sections will arrive in time to take part in the deliberations of the meeting.

WHORF LANDS BIG CONTRACT

Eighteen-thousand tons of coal to be used annually by the Alaska Gastineau Mining company from the Port Graham coal mines, has been contracted for by the company according to President Whorf, of the company, who is now in Seattle. Whorf declares coal vessels of large tonnage will be operated from Port Graham to Juneau and that the contract is only preliminary to others until every part in Southeastern Alaska will be consumers of Alaska coal. He says shipments will start next February.—Juneau Dispatch.

The thermometer registered 14 degrees below zero at Kenai lake yesterday morning. At the Skeen-Lechner mine it was 8 below.

The wireless line must also be broken. Leastwise, the Gateway failed to receive its daily dose of outside news.

Three meals for One Dollar. Open day and night. Commerce Cafe

Field glasses at J. L. Graef's. *
Ice creepers and ice skates at J. L. Graef's.

SEWARD WILL HAVE COMPLETE WELDING PLANT

Councilman G. G. Boe, of the Seward Iron Works, is putting the finishing touches to an oxy-acetylene welding plant which he has constructed. By a combination of two gases a heat of 6,000 degrees Fahrenheit can be obtained. As 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit will melt platinum, the hardest of all metals, it can readily be seen that the apparatus will successfully weld any of the metals.

The welding plant will be a pronounced benefit to the town. Old engines and boilers, under ordinary conditions about ready for the scrap heap, can be repaired and made as good as new, at a moderate cost. It should bring much outside work to Seward.

JACK CURLEY IN TROUBLE

Cordova Alaskan

Jack Curley is under arrest at Chitina and J. C. Lafortie is an inmate of the hospital here as the result of an altercation at Chitina the other evening. Lafortie is suffering from a severe cut in the abdomen and another on his left hand, said to have inflicted by Curley during the row.

Dr. Chase who is attending the wounded man, states that his injuries will not prove serious unless complications set in.

Curley will be given a hearing by Commissioner d'Henry at Chitina.

A traveling salesman died suddenly and was taken to his home in the West. His relatives telephoned the nearest forest, some miles distant, to make a wreath; the ribbon should be extra wide, the inscription, "Rest in Peace," on both sides, and, if there was room, "We shall meet in Heaven." The forest was away and his assistant handled the job. It was a startling floral piece which turned up at the funeral. The ribbon was extra wide and bore the inscription: "Rest in Peace on Both Sides, and if There is Room We Shall Meet in Heaven."—Lippincott's.

The Gateway tenders a vote of thanks, on behalf of the walking public, to the Alaska Transfer, for breaking trails throughout the town.

Bread for sale—10c a loaf or 12 for \$1. At Commerce Cafe

For reliable information write Cannon, Pioneer hotel, Knik, Alaska. †

Meet me at the Branch.