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TABLOID NEWS

The Alaska Steamship Company reported April 1 that six sailings on the Seattle-Alaska run were canceled because of the labor dispute in Seattle which has tied up the entire salmon canning industry. The Mount McKinley scheduled to sail last Wednesday and the Denali scheduled to sail next Tuesday are the latest sailings affected. The laying up of these vessels makes 400 men idle. Meanwhile picketing of the cannery tenders and fishing gear plants is continued.

Fire at Nome the 29th destroyed Nome's new hotel and the Nome Motors building at an estimated loss of \$50,000. The fire started when a gas pump lifting oil into tanks backfired. An explosion occurred and fire spread rapidly thruout the entire building and occupants had to flee for their lives. The caterpillars, auto parts and other motor equipment lost in the fire were covered by insurance.

Like the fire of five years ago, this disaster leaves Nome with only the Pioneer and Lincoln hotels to take care of the annual Spring influx of miners and prospectors from the States. The Lincoln hotel was partially wrecked by a storm last year.

Bob Buzby of Fairbanks and Bergman Kokrine of Tanana were winners in the 1939 Dog Derby held at Fairbanks during the Ice Carnival. In windy raw weather over a badly drifted trail, Buzby made the best time recorded on the 30-mile course during the three heats of the Derby-2:49:55.

Kokrine had the best average time for the three heats-3:00:01.

Clark Gable and Carole Lombard were married at Kingman, Ariz., on Thursday of last week. The marriage was the third for Gable and the second for his bride. He gave his age as 38 and Miss Lombard as 31.

The new concrete fireproof hotel, The Baranof, at Juneau is open. It has 96 rooms and 28 apartments, three of the latter being pent houses on the roof. The second, third, and fourth floors of the hotel have single rooms and the fifth and sixth floors are divided into apartments. There are two passenger elevators.

President Roosevelt's ninth grandson was born Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger in Seattle. Grandmother Roosevelt flew from San Francisco where she was visiting the Golden Gate exposition to be with her daughter, the former Anna Roosevelt.

A tramway will be built and a large tonnage mill will be installed on the Gilpatrick hard rock property of United Min-

TOWN MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT REJECTS INCORPORATION IDEA

At a town meeting held last Sunday night at the schoolhouse - called by the committee appointed to investigate possibility of obtaining PWA funds to erect a Community Building in Moose Pass - the committee reported that to obtain PWA assistance it would be necessary for Moose Pass to incorporate as a second class village, after which IF the project to erect a \$10,000 Community Hall was accepted - Moose Pass residents would be required to furnish 45% of \$10,000.

Paul Danzig, attorney of Seward, lately become associated with L. V. Ray, attended the meeting and explained in detail the process Moose Pass would have to go thru to obtain articles of incorporation.

Sidney Denison, supervisor for the Forest Service in this district, attended the meeting and upon being asked some exceedingly important questions, proved that he knew all the answers. The result was that the Moose Pass citizens present promptly rejected all idea of incorporation at this time as it would entail a long and involved effort to withdraw from the Forest Service area - the disadvantage of such a move far out-weighting any advantage that would accrue to Moose Pass.

It is now apparent that with Mr. Denison's aid - Moose Pass can return to its original idea of a modest, but large, log Community building with CCC boys getting out the logs and public spirited men of Moose Pass erecting the building. Women of the town would share in the work by raising funds to buy roofing, floor, windows and doors. The building once floored and under roof could be used for plays, dances, roller skating rink, basketball games, parties, carnivals and thus provide funds for its improvement and maintenance. Moose Pass as a whole would derive pride and fun from such an undertaking.

Lyman Graves presided at the meeting and Charles Clements acted as secretary. Those in attendance were Ralph Reid, Frank Hielo, Howard Brooks, Will Estes, Charles Flynn, Aletha Laubscher, Jake Laubscher, Harry L. Smith, Eunice K. Smith, Ray Stafford, Grace Stafford, Mary Stafford, Fred Laubscher, Ethel Laubscher, Wesley Laubscher, Lyman Graves, Charles Clements, Lyle Saxton, E. L. Robbins, James H. Pierce, Fred Holley and the visitors, Mr. Denison, Mr. Danzig, Mrs. Jack Ives and daughter.

The Committee is now investigating the Forest Service plan and will report to the Community in open meeting as soon as they are in possession of all the facts and a definite answer has been received from the Juneau office of the Forest Service.

DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT AT HIELO'S ROADHOUSE