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SECY. OF INTERIOR WRITES

Says Alaska's Future One of the Problems Confronting the Government; President to Visit

(By Hubert Work, Secretary of Interior)

Alaska is one of the many paramount problems confronting the government of the United States.

Whether this vast expanse of land, containing huge mineral riches, surrounded by almost priceless tracts of ocean waters teeming with sea food and fur-bearing animals, shall be developed or allowed to remain dormant is the question that has induced President Harding to visit this territory during the summer.

The president will be accompanied by the secretary of the interior, the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of commerce, and for the first time in history the chief executive of the government will tour this northern country.

Unestimable Riches

Unestimable riches and hidden treasures are still hermetically sealed in its natural recesses awaiting development. The total area of Alaska is 590,884 square miles. Its immensity can only be realized when a comparison with the area of the United States shows that it is one-fifth as large as the total territory embraced in the forty-eight states of the union.

The population of Alaska presents an interesting problem. For years after this country became American territory there was a slow but gradual increase in the number of inhabitants. Ten years ago, following the census of 1910, the population began to dwindle, and as a result 10,000 persons left Alaska between 1910 and 1920. Its permanent population is now fixed at approximately 60,000, of which about one-half are whites and the other half Indians, Eskimos and persons of diverse nationalities.

Alaska's greatest resource is its mineral wealth. There are gold, silver, copper, zinc, antimony and tungsten in immense quantities. Deposits of coal, including bituminous and lignite, have been found. So have oil and petroleum, in addition to platinum, lead ores, quicksilver, graphite and asbestos.

Fisheries of Value

The fisheries of Alaska make up its principal commerce. Salmon, herring, clams, shrimps and other sea foods in abundant quantities are taken from its waters annually, and an immense canning industry has been built. In 1922 \$34,720,000 in fish products were shipped from the territory, representing an increase of \$12,000,000 over the previous year.

In the popular fancy, Alaska is supposed to be a forbidding, ice-covered, glacier-crowned land of dog teams and polar bears. The truth of the matter is that it is a country of delightful climate many months of the year, with an area of 100,000 square miles fitted for agricultural development and capable of producing crops of almost endless variety.

The American government has just completed the construction of a railroad through the far-off wilderness of Alaska at a cost of about \$56,000,000. This line extends from Seward to Fairbanks, a distance of 467 miles, penetrating into the very heart of the territory, and is the first railroad ever built and operated by this government.

The administration of the affairs of the territory of Alaska is now in the hands of thirty-five different departments and bureaus of the government. The various functions performed by them consist of 135 activities dealing with every conceivable phase of government supervision and jurisdiction.

While the women folks are mopping up the floor in the hot weather, the men folks can't do much but sit around and mop their brows.

HALF OF HERRIN FUND IS RETURNED

ABOUT \$30,000.00 IS USED

Illinois Chamber of Commerce Is Sending Out Checks for Sums Not Utilized; State Cleared

Checks for nearly \$30,000 remaining in the fund raised by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to enable the state of Illinois to prosecute the leaders of the Herring massacre are being sent to all parts of the state by George Woodruff of Chicago, chairman of the Herring fund committee. Nearly \$60,000 was contributed to the fund by public subscription. Almost half that amount is now being returned to the subscribers. Money from the fund was used to secure the evidence, carry on the hearing before the grand jury and for the state's expenses of the first trial.

At the close of the first trial, the state legislature appropriated \$75,000 to finance the trial that followed. No part of that \$75,000 was ever asked for or was received by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to reimburse it for the money spent previously.

No Funds Available

Immediately after the Herring massacre in June, 1922, when more than 20 men were killed and many others injured, it became evident that no effort would be made to prosecute those charged with the crime. Attorney General Brundage declared at once that he was exceedingly anxious to proceed with the prosecution but his office was without funds. Governor Small, when appealed to, said there was no money in the state treasury for such a purpose.

A conference was held by the board of directors of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and a committee was appointed to carry on a campaign to raise the money by public subscription. This committee consisted of George Woodruff, Chicago, chairman, Gerald B. Franks of Peoria, Wayne Hummer of LaSalle and Edward E. Gore, Herman H. Hettler and John W. O'Leary of Chicago and Harvey T. Hill, secretary of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, had charge of the details.

Immediate Response

A state-wide appeal was made. The response was immediate and without precedent. Checks began to come in by the hundreds. Within five weeks nearly \$60,000 had been raised. Of this sum almost half is now being returned to the subscribers. Ninety-four per cent of the contributions to the Herring fund were not members of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Thousands of people from hundreds of cities, towns and villages subscribed. Most of the subscriptions ranged from \$1 to \$20.

In addition to the money raised, the movement gained nation-wide attention. Hundreds of editorials were published in leading magazines and newspapers throughout the country. President Harding wrote to President John H. Camlin, commending the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for its activity and said, "There is a conscience in Illinois which will not tolerate such a disgraceful thing. It is very pleasing to me and reassuring to the whole country to know that this conscience is finding expression."

As a result of this action of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Attorney General Brundage immediately began work on the prosecution. Investigators were employed to secure evidence. The grand jury of Williamson county met. After several weeks, 214 indictments were returned. Of these 44 were for murder, 58 for conspiracy to commit murder, 54 for assault to murder and 58 for conspiracy and rioting.

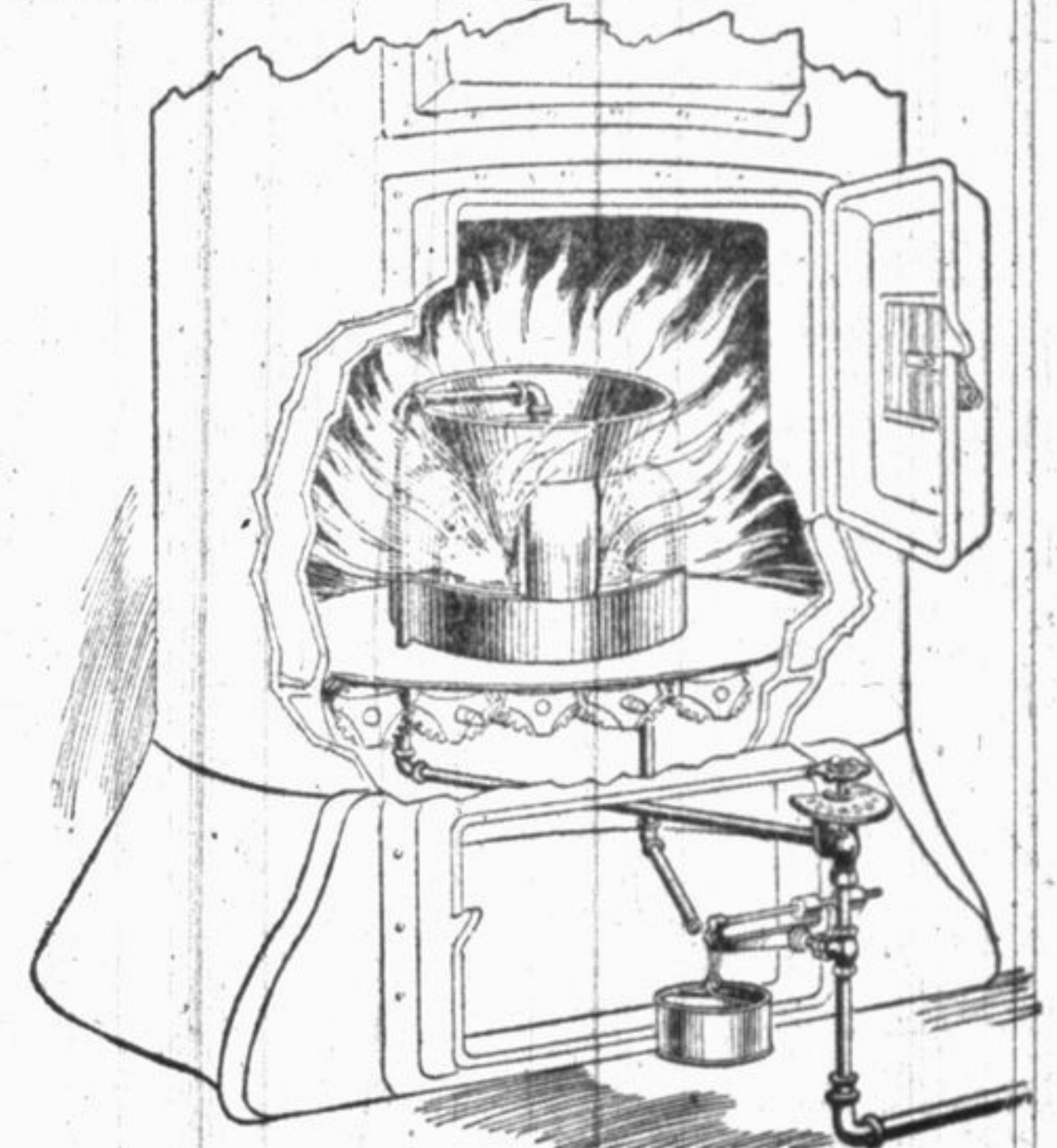
Williamson County Blamed

President Camlin of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce said today, "On behalf of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce I wish to thank the thousands of people who contributed so generously to the Herring fund. They saw a duty and were quick to answer to the call. We have accomplished all that it was in our power to do, that

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is to furnish funds for the prosecution. There have been no convictions for that awful crime, the worst blot on the pages of Illinois history, but the failure now lies at the door of the people of Williamson county and not of the state of Illinois."

President Harding got sunburn on his western trip, but that was not probably so bad as earache from office seekers.

Claimed that the colleges are doomed unless they are liberalized, but the students of Illinois claim they will survive all right if they encourage football.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Subscriber, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of William Arnsward, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of Sept., next, 1923, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

MINNIE ARNSWARD, Executrix

Waukegan, Ill., June 18, 1923.
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